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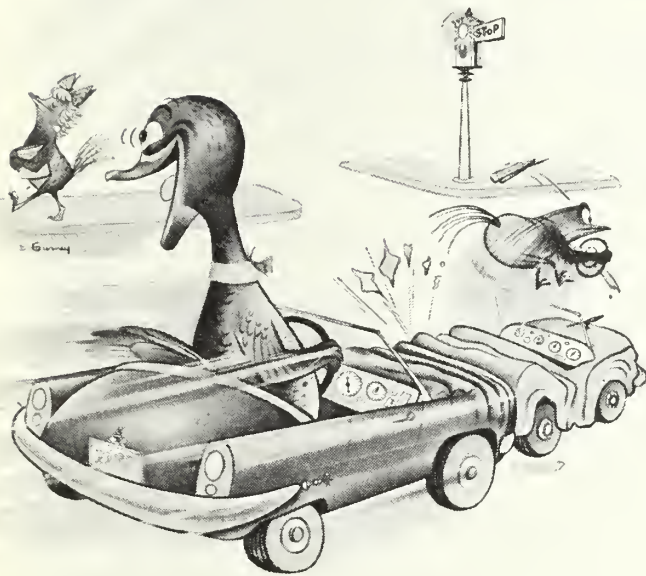
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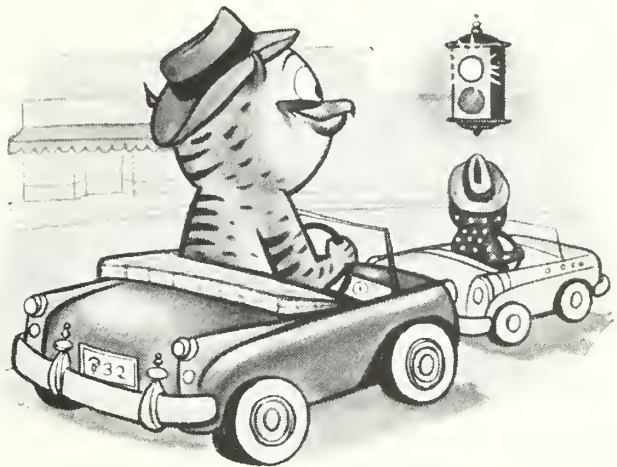
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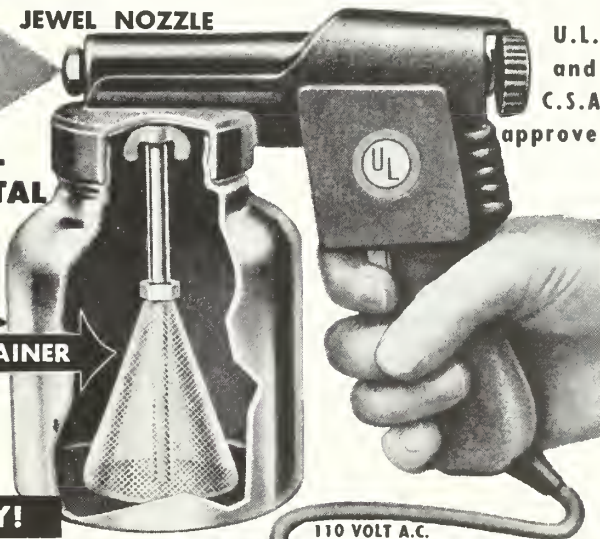
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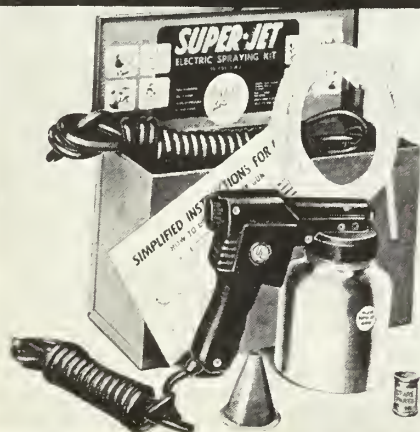
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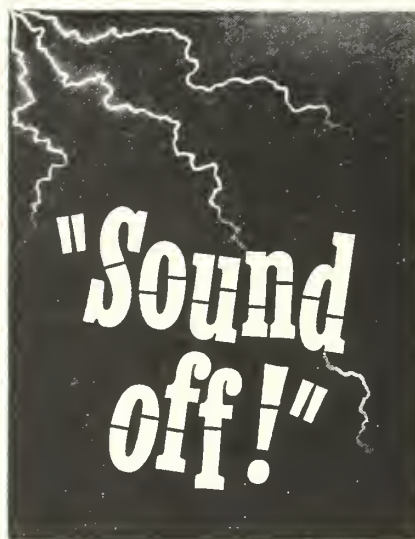
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ACADEMIC FOG

Sir: Where in the name of heaven did Dr. A. H. Hobbs get his education? To encounter the faculty he describes in "Behind the Pink Academic Fog" he must have done his undergraduate work at the University of Leningrad and his graduate work at the University of Moscow! It seems rather obvious that Dr. Hobbs must have been passed over for some recent post and has an ax to grind.

Robert R. Courtney
Worcester, Mass.

Sir: Permit me to thank you for the excellent article "Behind the Pink Academic Fog." As a retired university professor I know that he is correct.

Carroll D. Billmyer
Kingston, R.I.

Sir: Professor Hobbs sounds like a man with an ax to grind. God help us if our teachers ever have to conform to any externally imposed rules which hamper academic processes and freedom. This type of artificial restriction can put an end to our democracy and leave only an empty shell of an educational system which has brought us to our present state of development and which is now our main hope of bringing about a world organization to insure peace and the dignity of man.

Robert E. Jennings '56
New York State Teachers
College
Albany, N.Y.

Sir: Thank God for the militant Legion! Your June issue was an eye opener, from the remarks regarding the American Association of University Professors through "The Ladies and the Pamphleteers" and "Behind the Pink Academic Fog." I wish Dr. Hobbs had gone a bit further and deeper into the basic theories of socialism.

L. Victor Cleveland
Hemiker, N.H.

OVERSIGHT

Sir: I admire your May cover but there is one thing lacking—a picture of the Cadets at the U. S. Coast Guard

Academy, New London, Conn. Although the Coast Guard is not part of the Department of Defense, it is one of the Armed Forces of the U. S. and its Academy, founded in 1876, graduates officers who are second to none in leadership and knowledge. As a matter of fact it is the most difficult Federal Academy to enter. There is no political approval needed. Just the ability to receive top marks on a nationwide competitive examination. Also the records show that because of the severe course and favoritism towards none, only one-third of those who begin the four-year course are graduated as ensigns.

Arthur E. Ladley
Staten Island, N. Y.

Sir: On the front page of your May 1956 issue were pictures of the insignia and Cadet Corps of the Army, Navy and Air Force Academies. Missing was the Coast Guard Academy. Perhaps lack of space accounts for this oversight. However, your readers should know that the Coast Guard is by law one of the Armed Forces of the United States. It served as such in each of the World Wars specified in the eligibility provision of The American Legion National Constitution. Its Academy is long established and has produced some of the finest officers in our Armed Forces. Small but potent—this Academy carries out the tradition of *Semper Paratus* in a manner worthy of its motto.

Samuel M. Birnbaum
New York City

MUST BEG

Sir: Why is it that those we elect to be our leaders have millions to give away to foreign countries but when we Americans need anything we have to get down on our hands and knees and plead for it and then they hand us the crumbs?

Marshall E. Jones
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From where I sit *by Joe Marsh*

Just the Facts, Ma'am!

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"It was dark but I saw their faces in the flashlight beam," she said breathlessly. "You can't trust anybody these days!"

She got flustered when Chief Benson explained that Specs and Buck are *authorized* collectors—working nights after their regular jobs. "Have to get 'em uniforms," said Benson. "Third time they've been turned in!"

From where I sit, we ought to guard against accusing anyone of being "wrong" just because that's the way it looks to us. For instance, I've heard people talk against a neighbor because they didn't approve of his choice of beverage! (They liked tea, or something, while he preferred a glass of beer.) Be sure you have a case before you lay down the law.

Joe Marsh

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CASSANDRA STUFF

IF YOU RECALL the Greek mythology you studied in school you certainly remember the story of Cassandra. This was the little lady to whom Apollo gave the gift of prophecy. However, being a sort of Indian-giver, he later rigged it so that, while her predictions were correct, no one took any stock in them.

We were reminded of this ancient story recently when a former Soviet military researcher testified before Senate investigators that the Russian secret police obviously had a pipe-line into the Army Signal Corps laboratories at Fort Monmouth. Across his desk, he said, passed a flood of information, thousands of top-secret documents reporting on American radar developments in World War II.

A Senate Cassandra subsequently tried to point out that spies and traitors were having a field-day at this headquarters for top-level research, but our recollection is that he didn't get very far. The same old gang of phony liberals set up the usual clamor that "civil rights" or something was being violated. Interested organizations threw their weight behind the cover-up campaign, and the American public was sold the Big Lie that all was well at Fort Monmouth.

What happened to the Senate Cassandra? Appollo only knows.

PREDICTION

YOU DO NOT have to be much of a Cassandra to be able to foretell that this is the Year of the Big Drive to get Red China into the United Nations. Countries which hope to make money by this move probably feel that Americans have by now forgotten that these same Red Chinese and their Red Korean buddies slaughtered 33,000 American boys and maimed additional tens of thousands.

Not long ago Sukarno, the President of Indonesia, turned up in this country and in his first official speech he reeled out the familiar red line that we have to recognize Red China. Possibly there's a connection between this and the fact that Sukarno was once, as *The New York Times* discreetly put it, "a Marxist student." We might add that the boss Indonesian was also a collaborator with the Japs during World War II, and it is regrettable that the papers and commentators neglected to mention *that*.

Next, we hear, the ubiquitous Jawaharlal Nehru will be coming to these shores where he is expected to go into his familiar routine. Like the fakirs of his

native land he will do several things at once, proving that the hand is quicker than American mental processes. He will have one hand out for additional alms, while the other will be giving us the familiar thumb-to-nose salute. And while doing this he will be shouting that we had better hop to it and let his red comrades of Cathay into the U.N.

Meanwhile the diplomats of the great powers will be pulling strings to line up votes for Red China. And what about the United States? Well, officially we are expected to make a great show of indignation but bow to the will of what is laughingly referred to as "world opinion."

After all, we must be realists and not stand in the way when our staunch allies wish to pick up a few bob, trading in the smelly bazaars of the Far East.

MORE HOSPITALITY

SPEAKING of visitors to this country, we have been intrigued by the tour of the eight black-robed disciples of Stalin who are solemnly being shown our churches and being feted as though they were something more than cogs in a state-controlled religion.

And again, as in the case of Sukarno, who once served the Japs as a puppet, the press was strangely reticent. It took the forthright *U.S. News & World Report* to point out that the boss Russian cleric, Metropolitan Nikolai, lyngly accused American soldiers of murdering people with bacteria during the Korean War. Here's what the red churchman said then:

"Infected insects are being dropped from American aircraft on populated points. . . . The church cannot pass over in silence the sufferings of the Korean people, which is perishing from the brigandlike attack and demoniac malice of these human monsters. . . ."

LETTERWRITERS

CONGRESSMAN Emanuel Celler on June 6 revealed that a lawyer, Murray Chotiner, wrote to President Eisenhower on behalf of a client, North American Airlines, seeking his help against "arbitrary actions" by the Civil Aeronautics Board. The Congressman made no comment, but it's just possible that there's some connection between the Congressman's vigilance and the fact that Chotiner was Vice President Nixon's campaign manager in 1952.

As long as Congressman Celler is interested in letters written to the President, we might suggest that he look up the one described, briefly, 'way back on page 66, of *The New York Times* of May 22. The letterwriter in that case was General Omar N. Bradley, also asking the President's help in the North American Airlines case. As far as we know, general Bradley is not on the airline's payroll, so there isn't even a client-lawyer relationship to explain his interest.

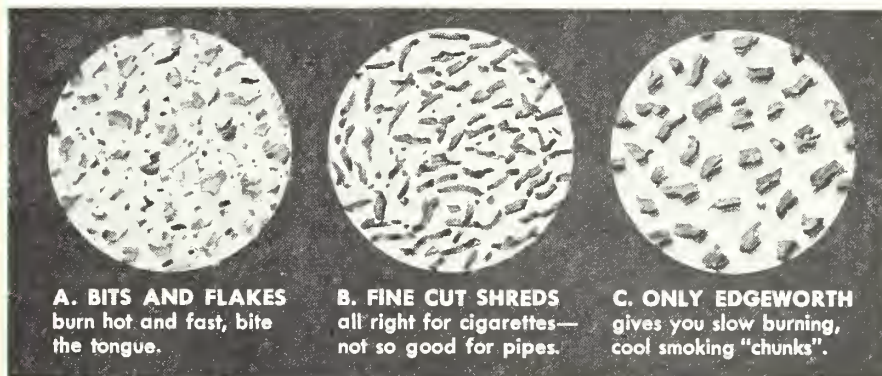
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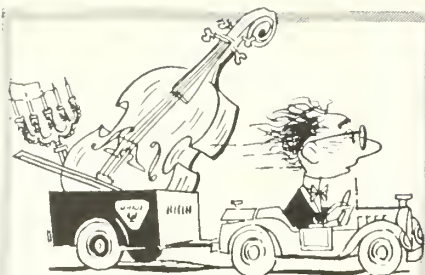
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Information that will help you with your everyday problems.

This is one of those months when accidents run very high (they always do in summer). Autos, of course, head the death list. But close behind are mishaps in the home. Not only do they rank No. 2 in fatalities, but they annually top motor vehicles three to one in nonfatal injuries.

Over the years, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has kept a close record of the trouble you can get into without going out of doors—and you'll be surprised at the amount and variety. You hear a lot about people being shot while hunting, but more people get killed fooling with firearms in the kitchen than in the woods.

Something else you may not have thought about is accidental hanging. This mainly snuffs out kids from ten to 14 while they are playing cowboys and Indians, "hangman's noose," and similar games. Metropolitan Life feels sure that TV, the movies, and circuses inspire most of these disasters.

But the really major cause—by a wide margin—of home accidents is falls. You readily can understand this when you stop to consider that in the younger and older age groups so much time is spent at home. Stairs and steps are particularly deadly for people past 45. For youngsters it's windows and fire escapes (except for children under one; for them it's suffocation).

Fire ranks next as a deadly terror. And it's not just the flaming house that brings sorrow—smoking leads to almost 40 percent as many graves, particularly if the victim has fallen asleep.

Gas and vapors also are frequent death-dealers. Offhand, you would guess that open jets are the trouble. True, they do cause some fatalities, but the incomplete combustion of fuels—resulting in carbon monoxide poisoning—ends the life of 2½ times as many.

And beware of poisoning from usually nonpoisonous substances (barbiturates, aspirin, kerosene, insecticides, etc.) These are particularly dangerous to children (see our June issue, page 8).

Other causes of accidental home death include choking, electric shock, and drowning (usually while taking a bath, but sometimes by falling down a cistern or well).

Home accidents can be curbed. Nor is the method itself very intricate. Metropolitan recommends "the simple expedient of better housekeeping" and better "maintenance of equipment."

That magic oil for the U. S. economy—the installment plan—keeps penetrating.

House painting is now on the list of what you can buy on time.

So also is a complete school or college education for your kids. C.I.T. Financial Corp. has this package: One year's education at 4 percent of cash cost, repayable in eight consecutive monthly installments (to include tuition, supplies, room and board); two years at 5 percent in 20 months; three years at 6 percent in 30 months; and four years at 6 percent in 40 months. Contracts for two or more years have automatic insurance to cover the student's education if the parent dies.

Still better finishes are something you can look forward to in 1957 cars.

Du Pont, for example, has two new ones that just about abolish waxing. One is a resin enamel (that is, a baked finish) called Dulux 100. It hardens as soon as it's put on, and holds its luster three times as long as regular enamels. The other is a lacquer (air-dried) that, in addition to being durable, can be blended with metallic powders and pigments to make "glamor" hues. It's name is Lucite. Minimum no-waxing time for both is 18 months.

If you're attending the National Convention next month—or just going traveling—think how you will carry your money safely. Travelers checks may be your answer.

They guard against loss and theft, can be cashed anywhere, come in various sizes from \$10 up and cost 1 percent of the amount purchased. Since travelers checks have no time limit, you might want to keep a few unused ones when you get home. They come in handy on Sundays or holidays when the banks are closed.

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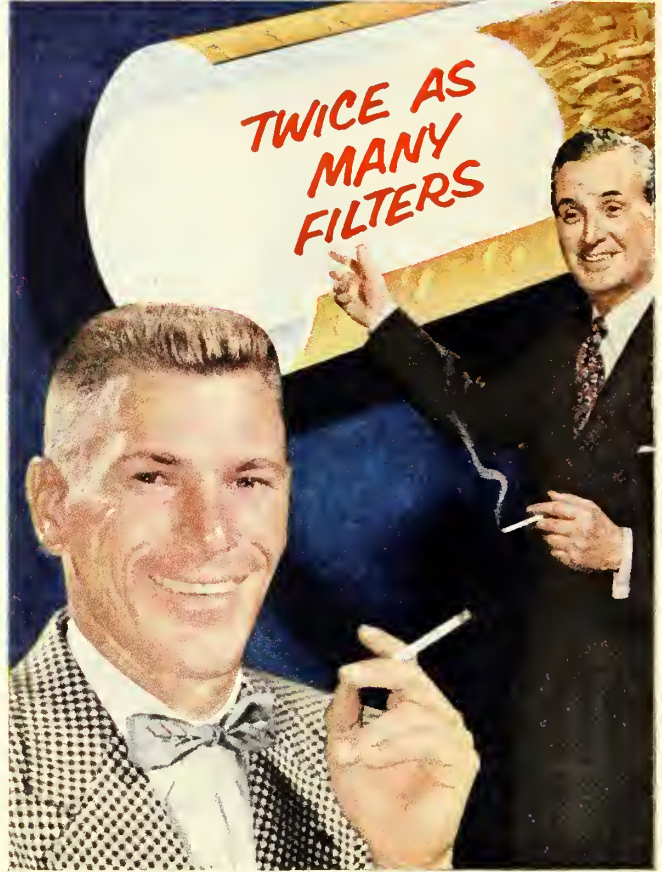
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TO VOTE *on* NOV. 6

In 1918 the famous artist James Montgomery Flagg painted this historical recruiting poster, known to every doughboy of WWI, and now in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution. In order to use it once again

in a great cause, *The American Legion Magazine* obtained permission to reproduce it from Mr. Flagg and the Smithsonian. The words "To vote on Nov. 6" have been substituted for the original "for the U.S. Army, Enlist Now."



On New Year's Day, when much of the country is likely to have snow, Pasadena stages its famous Tournament of Roses, featuring floats such as these.



← EARL ZEIGLER AND ROBERT BOOTHE ↓ FROM SHOSTAL



In the Mardi Gras, an Old World tradition has been brought to New Orleans. The gay parade is a highlight of festivities that usher in Lent.



American Legion parades at National Conventions are legendary for quality and quantity. Here are two of the scores of floats seen at Miami last year. The Tennessee float, top, was adjudged best in parade.



In Philadelphia they celebrate the New Year with the Mummer's Parade.



LIKE A PARADE?

Marching men, martial music, flags and floats have universal appeal, but the parades shown here are extra special.

A PARADE CAN BE the most spontaneous thing imaginable, with a group of people falling more or less into step, or it can be an elaborate production calling for weeks and months of preliminary planning. The parades shown on these pages fall in the latter category, and have become American traditions. Of all these, none is better known to Americans than the big parades staged by The American Legion at National Conventions. Some of these have lasted all day and well into the night, starring tens of thousands of men of the Great Wars. The next big American Legion parade will be staged in Los Angeles on September 3, Labor Day. It will differ from all previous Legion parades in that it will file through the mammoth Coliseum on the UCLA campus, where it can be witnessed by more than 100,000.

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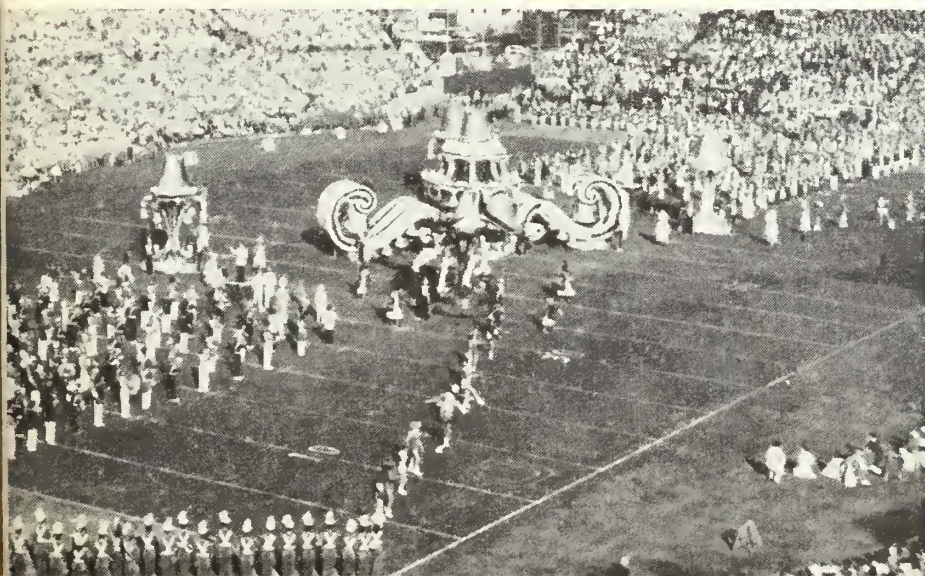
WIDE WORLD

Shriners have a reputation for staging spectacular parades at conventions.

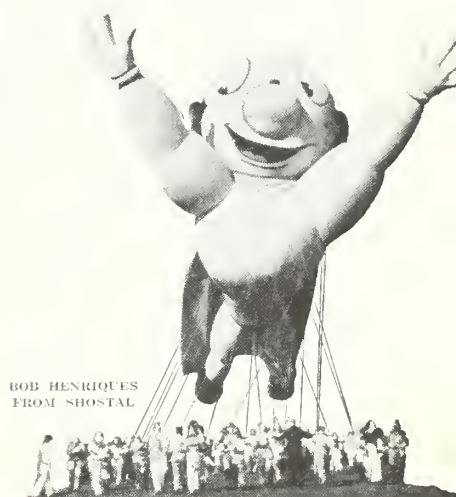


Then there are the big affairs with cowboys and horses, exemplified by the Grand Parade in Stamford, Texas, part of a three-day cowboy reunion.

This pageantry at Miami's Orange Bowl is a special feature of the big game.



BOB TAYLOR FROM SHOSTAL



BOB HENRIQUES FROM SHOSTAL

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is famed for mammoth figures.



W. G. SARGENT FROM SHOSTAL

Waiting their turn to enter the big top to be part of a circus parade.



▲ Women of the "landlord class" are often forced to serve the Red Chinese Army as prostitutes. Reluctance is met with force.



▲ Children are encouraged to report anti-communist sentiments of their parents. Here a Kwangtung boy betrays his father.



▲ This landlord of Peilao was denounced by a farm hand, tortured and jailed. The farm hand then seized his land.

LIFE IN RED CHINA

This farmer of Shuli Yong Hsien was drowned by red authorities for accepting a chicken years ago for a debt.

After digging his own grave this man of Wuchow was shot. The People's Court said he owned too much rice.

For the crime of owning land and living on income, this widow, the mother of two, awaits execution.





▲ In line with communist policy to crush Christianity, the Chinese Reds tortured this Chinese assistant to a foreign Protestant missionary at Liuchow. The public torture, to prove God was helpless, lasted three days.



▲ Demonstrating that they mean business, the communists place their victims on display before they are hauled away to be executed. Here are a few of thousands so displayed in Shanghai.

The big drive is under way to persuade Americans to be "realists" and admit Red China into the U. N. These pictures show why this drive is an affront to decency.

DURING THE PAST five years anti-communist Chinese, operating on the mainland of Red China, have risked their lives photographing what is taking place there under the rule of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai. Further risks were taken by underground agents who smuggled the pictures out of the country. Some indication of the risk is evident from the fact that eight agents were captured and killed by the communists. The pictures on these two pages are a few of the many that have been brought to the United States by Dr. H. L. Mars, Director of Research and Overseas Director of the Democratic Party of China. Educated in the United States, Dr. Mars is the head of Milton Institute, Taipei, Taiwan. He is in this country at the present time lecturing and exhibiting his pictures.

THE END

For refusing to deal with a stranger, this man was denounced. Asked the charge, he was told to "Cry for Formosa." ▼

Reluctant to confess to a false accusation, this once wealthy lumber dealer of Liuchow was subjected to this ordeal. ▼

A Cantonese who refused to confess in the way the reds wanted was trussed up by the neck to think things over. ▼



Boating *is for* Everybody



This Chris-Craft 8-foot pram sells for \$55 in kit form, will take a small outboard.

SOME 5,500,000 pleasure boats will ply U. S. waters this season. The most expensive of them are valued at \$1,000,000 and more, the least expensive at \$50 or less.

What's best for you if you are thinking of joining the 25,000,000 Americans who have turned to the waterways for recreation afloat?

If you have been saving your pennies assiduously enough to have accumulated \$1,000,000-plus in spare cash, you might run over to Detroit for a look at a 250-foot dreamboat owned by an automobile manufacturer. Or you might want to examine the luxurious appointments and sailing qualities of a converted square-rigger skippered by an East Coast yachtsman.

But you are more likely to be interested in a boat that will cost you not more than the price of your automobile and preferably less. Boats in this price range outnumber by far all others in the nation's recreational fleet. These are the boats, more so than any others, that are responsible for the fact that one out of every 29 persons in the U. S. A. has become a recreational sailor.

The people who make and sell outboard boats and motors, which account for 4,210,000 of the pleasure craft in use, have figured out nearly how much money you will require to become a boatowner—if you are the average purchaser. You will need exactly \$297 for an outboard boat (which would be 13.7 feet in length) and \$343 for an outboard motor (which would be of 12.9 horsepower), or a total of \$640 for a complete rig.

Since you are not the average purchaser and since the average boat and motor do not exist, these figures, based on studies by the Outboard Boating Club of America, will give you only a general idea of your prospective boating budget.

Instead of relying on statistics for

Now for only a few hundred dollars you can enjoy a pastime once reserved for the rich.

By STEPHEN PORTER



Here's a variety of rigs. In foreground, for family cruising and big-water fishing, is Lyman's 15-foot clinker-built runabout with Scott-Atwater's 16-horsepower motor, selling for a total of about \$825. At center, for fishing on small lakes and

streams, is Alumacraft's 12-foot utility with a Scott-Atwater 5, a combination that sells for about \$475. In background, for general use, is Plasti-Craft's 12-foot runabout with a Scott-Atwater 10, retailing for a total of approximately \$700.

picking your rig, you will probably take the more practical approach of consulting a marine dealer. Chances are that after you have made it known that you are interested in buying your first boat the conversation will take this trend:

You: How much will it cost me?

Dealer: What do you intend to use the rig for?

You: For fishing.

Dealer: We can fix you up for about

\$50, as a minimum. The maximum would be about \$800 for fishing on small inland lakes and streams, up to about \$2,600 for offshore and big-lake fishing.

The reason that you are likely to mention fishing as your intended use is that about 65 percent of outboard motor purchasers and 55 percent of boat purchasers buy motors and boats for this purpose.

The \$50 minimum would represent the price of an eight-foot pram in



Inboard prices start at about the top for outboards. This picnicking family's Century Vagabond, with 60-horsepower engine, is in \$4,000 class.

ready-to-assemble kit form and would be about the least with which you could get started in boating, unless you are handy with hammer and saw and have access to a supply of plywood.

For about \$80 more you could convert the pram to a power boat, \$80 being the price of the least expensive American-made outboard motor, a 1.7 horsepower model. A three-horsepower motor would cost about \$150. To become a power boater then, your outlay would range between \$130 and \$200. (Prices vary in different parts of the country, mostly because of shipping costs. Manufacturers usually quote their list prices as f.o.b. their factories.)

The minimum price of a factory-built flat-bottom rowboat for fishing is

about \$100 for wood models and about \$130 for metal. Maximum recommended outboard power for such craft is about $5\frac{1}{2}$ horsepower, and a motor of this size sells for about \$220.

A more versatile fishing boat is the semi-v utility boat in 12-foot and 14-foot sizes. Prices range upward from about \$200. These boats will usually accommodate motors of up to 15 horsepower, which sell for around \$370.

Outboard boats are taking more and more to waters formerly thought of as exclusively the domain of inboards. Now they are used for fishing offshore and on the big lakes. One 15-foot aluminum boat designed with this in mind is priced at about \$700. One

These fishermen spent about \$375 for the rig that took them to their own favored "hot spot." Boat is a Chetek Sportabout, motor a Johnson Sea Horse 3.



manufacturer offers 16-foot and 18-foot lapstreak (clinker-built) models built especially for offshore fishing, with provision for mounting deep sea fishing chairs in the cockpit. Prices range upward from about \$1,200.

These deepwater boats can accommodate the largest motors, which sell for from slightly under \$500 to slightly more than \$700. For a margin of safety when the boats are used far from land, some fishermen like two motors, either two big-horsepower models or one big one and a smaller one, of about 5 horsepower, for emergency use.

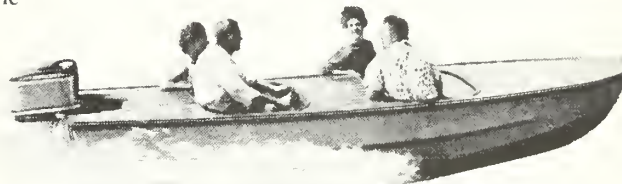
If fishing is your primary boating goal, your outlay could range as follows: \$50 for a pram in kit form, \$130 for a powered pram, \$100 and up for a factory-built rowboat, up to \$320 for a powered rowboat, about \$600 and upward for a powered utility boat, up-



A fishing outfit for around \$385 — the Arkansas Traveler 12-foot Explorer, Evimrude Lightwin.



Thompson Brothers' roomy 18-footer lists at \$1,100, can be trailered behind family auto.



With electric starter, generator, Mercury's Mark 55, above on runabout, costs about \$730.

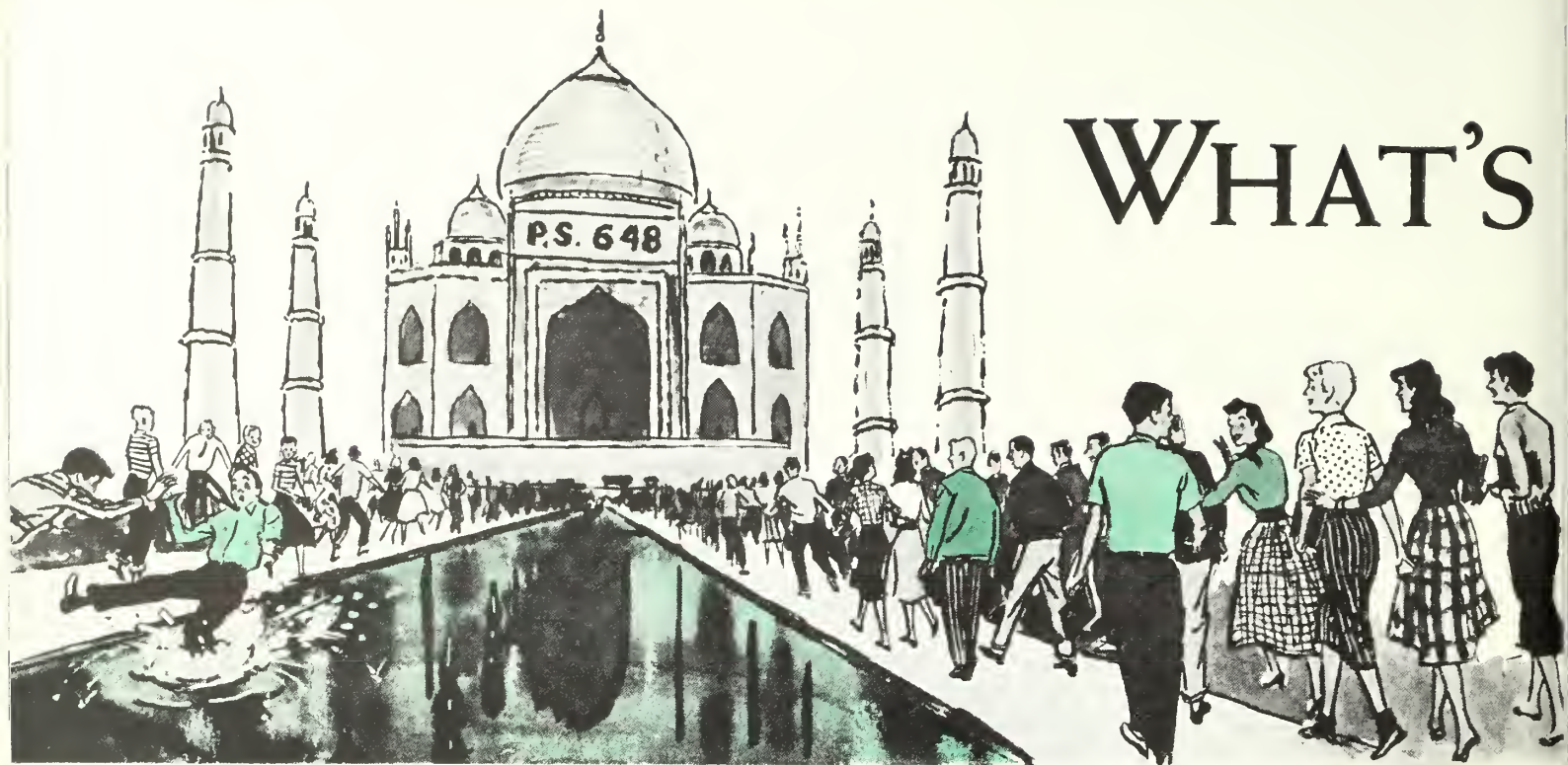
ward from about \$1,300 for a powered offshore model with one motor, as high as \$2,600 and more for an offshore boat with two of the largest motors.

Next to fishing, the most popular use of outboards is cruising, which accounts for about 18 percent of motor sales and about 27 percent of boat sales.

Cruising means different things to different people. To some it means "just plain boating," a spin around the lake or an afternoon on a river; to others it

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WHAT'S



There is undue emphasis on physical plant and gimmicks that have little to do with education.

By **HADDON W. JAMES, Ph.D.**

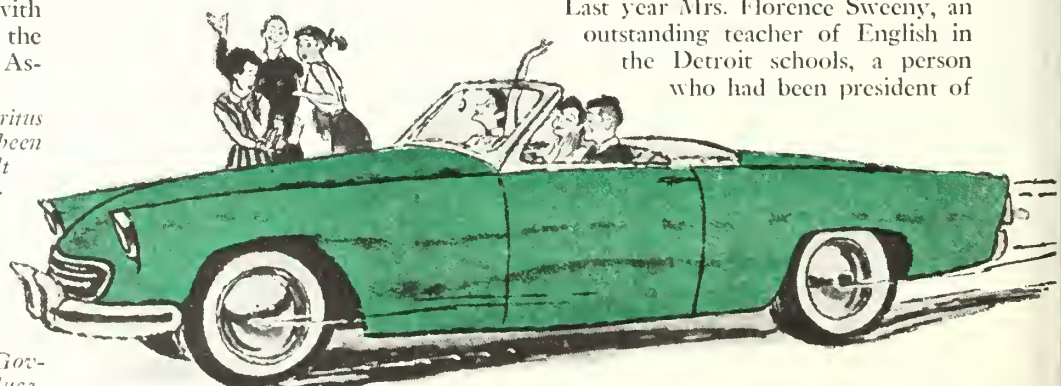
IN THE COMPLEX civilization of today, we expect more of education than ever before in history. We look to it for men and women who can lead coming generations, and from it we expect the sort of genius that can even help future generations of Americans to survive. Yet public school education in the United States, under the guidance of highly paid school administrators (yes, school superintendents get good salaries) is failing grievously in very important aspects that are vital to a democracy. The goody-goody educator may exclaim, "another critic." Impatience with criticism, however, is not an indication of wisdom. The person who is the constant defender of present virtues makes little contribution to advancement.

Some months ago I listened to a radio forum discussing what's wrong with education. The participants were the president of the National Education As-

sociation, a professor from the University of Illinois, and an educator from England. Let me stress that any criticism that I may make is not against the forum. One of the hopeful signs indicating that education may be rejuvenated is the interest that leading magazines and radio stations are showing in the education problem. Some educators have said that if the school people do not straighten out educational problems the public will do it for them. Maybe this will happen.

What did the three eminent educators on the forum find wrong with education? Frankly, I was disgusted with the narrowness of their thinking. According to these men, educational deficiencies center around the question of whether or not we are teaching the three R's as well as we did years ago, and second, the need for more teachers.

ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE WITHERS



Students rapidly get the idea that extracurricular activities are what count.

Dr. Haddon W. James, president emeritus of New Mexico Western College, has been a professional educator most of his adult life. He served as a teacher in the public schools, was director of the School of Education of Alabama College, and was president of New Mexico Western College for 16 years prior to his retirement. Dr. James was a member of a group of American educators who worked with the Indian Government on problems of secondary education in that country.

WRONG WITH EDUCATION ?

An educator deplors the tendency to make teaching so pleasant that boys and girls don't bother to learn.



Teachers are the main victims when discipline is lax.

the Detroit Federation of Teachers nine years, retired at the age of 55. In writing about her retirement she stated that she was "glad to retire" because "in these days high-school students have simply become too difficult for a teacher to handle" ... "years ago, you found only a few students who were openly hostile" ... "today, teachers confront classes in which hostility outweighs co-operation, and willing students are unable to set the pattern of class behavior." Mrs. Sweeny was not a failure; she had attained unusual recognition as a teacher in one of our outstanding school systems. Detroit is not a "horrible example."

While I was writing this article, I heard of an incident in a local school which points up this condition. A ninth-grade teacher asked one of her boy pupils to come up before the class and explain something in the lesson. The boy told her to "go to hell." The boy was not punished; he stayed in his seat

and did not recite. You say this is an unusual case. Maybe so, but we are having too many unusual cases. I have just talked to a fine teacher in another high school. This person, a man who has had some 20 years experience and who is a better disciplinarian than the average teacher, makes this comment, "Schools seem to be run to keep young people off the street."

Another teacher, a woman who is recognized by the teaching profession in New Mexico as one of the outstanding high school teachers of the State, told me recently that she would teach for nothing if she could just teach a group where the main emphasis was on learning rather than having to be under the tension of keeping discipline.

Records show that juvenile delinquency is rampant throughout the country, and yet the eminent educators on the radio forum suggested no major deficiencies in education other than

technical problems of subject instruction and a shortage of teachers.

Our psychologists have long stated the principle that the best way to learn proper behavior is to *practice* the desired behavior. Why do we fail to apply this principle in our schools?

In order to see where the next generation is going, it is necessary to see whence it came. The Chinese have a saying, "Give a boy and a pig all they want, and you end up with a good pig and a bad boy." What kind of an educational environment do we give our younger generation? Our main effort seems to be to make schools pleasant and soft for students.

Children are taken to school in cars or buses. Students do not clean up after themselves; we have janitors to do it for them. Tennis courts and other playing fields are smoothed and marked by hired help. The school grounds are littered by the students but cleaned up by others. All school equipment is bought by tax money, and paid workers do the repairing. We have cafeterias operated by school employees. We provide parking space for students' automobiles. We provide a place to buy candy, soft drinks, and peanuts. We schedule class meetings and other extracurricular activities on school time because the students will not attend on their own time.

The list could go on and on—dances, summer play programs, swimming pools, etc. Lastly, after the students have had four such strenuous years in high school, we reward them with a senior trip; parents buy them a gold watch and class ring; and the school gives them not a great deal of significant learning but a diploma and a hypothetical (very hypothetical) social adjustment.

The tragedy of soft education is that



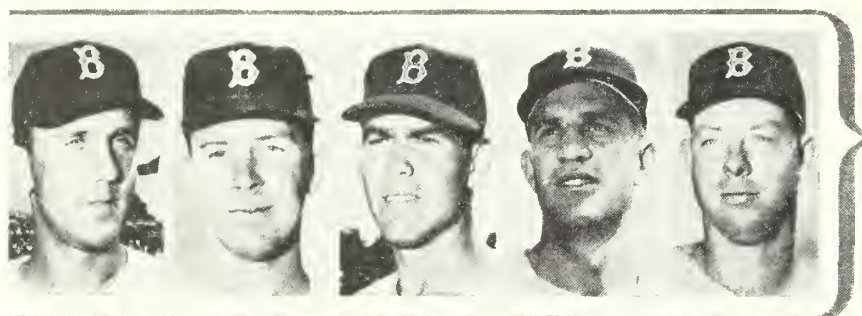
In spite of these things, most students make an effort to learn.

when people are taught *not* to do their best the attitude is hard to overcome. It may end in either resentment or an attitude of waiting to get the \$50,000 on
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CAN A PENNANT BE BOUGHT?

"No!" says Joe Cronin, who has seen
millions of dollars spent for ballplayers.



Richard Brodowski Alpheus Lee Curtis, Jr. Thurman E. Cleverger Neil B. Chrisley Karl Olson



Bob Porterfield Johnny Schmitz Tom Umphlett Mickey Vernon

▲ Who got the best of this trade? The Red Sox and Senators made the deal, above, last fall.

By AL HIRSHBERG

ONE DAY LAST FALL the Boston Red Sox, in defiance of their avowed youth policy, surprised the baseball world when they swapped five promising young ballplayers to the Washington Senators in return for four veterans, including Mickey Vernon and Bob Porterfield. Three of the men they gave up were 23 years old. The other two were 25. The average age of three of the four men they acquired was 34.

It seemed a complete reversal of form. Why did they do it?

"Because it might give us a pennant," said Joe Cronin, the Red Sox general manager. "We got men we figured could help us. We gave up men we figured we could spare. We didn't abandon our youth policy. We simply adjusted it to our present needs."

Baseball deals aren't made in heaven. They are consummated only after considerable internal discussion and sober reflection, followed by double talk and horse trading which would put an old-fashioned New England swap-shopper to shame. Deals are completed in hotel lobbies and suites, in airplanes, in trains,

in ball parks, over the telephone, by wire—in short, in every conceivably possible manner. And, unlike ordinary business deals, baseball trades are completed on faith. The paper work comes later. Once an executive agrees verbally to a trade, it's made.

Ballplayers are acquired by major league clubs in three basic ways. They are signed as free agents, bought from other clubs, or obtained by trade.

The most famous deal in all baseball history involved only one ballplayer. In January 1920 the Red Sox, hard pressed for cash, sold the immortal Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees for the then unheard-of sum of \$100,000. Actually, there was more to the deal than that. Besides the hundred grand, Jake Ruppert, the co-owner of the Yankees, also loaned owner Harry Frazee of the Red Sox \$350,000 to pay off the mortgage on Boston's Fenway Park. Boston fans never forgave Frazee, who was forced to sell the club a few years later after wrecking it by selling off more stars. Ruth, of course, went on to become baseball's alltime home run king and the key man in the earliest Yankee pennant victories.

Cronin, former slugging shortstop and Red Sox manager who was admitted to baseball's Hall of Fame this year, is one of the shrewdest flesh peddlers in the baseball business. He has traded, bought, and sold hundreds of ballplayers, and paid out over a million dollars in bonuses to rookies.

Himself the principal figure in one of the game's most sensational deals, Cronin has been an expert on baseball talent for a quarter of a century. Behind him is the substantial bankroll of Tom Yawkey, which has purchased such glittering stars as Lefty Grove, Jimmy Foxx, Wes and Rick Ferrell, Junior Stephens, and many others. Yawkey forked over a cool quarter of a million dollars for Cronin, whom he obtained from the Senators at the end of the 1934 season. Since then, Cronin has been in on every Red Sox deal, including those made by the late Eddie Collins, who was Yawkey's first general manager.

Some of those deals were expensive purchases, some spectacular trades, some simply the signing of promising rookies. There was a good reason for each of them, yet the Red Sox have



Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin, right above, with Manager Mike Higgins, left, and owner Tom Yawkey, center, has been buying, selling, and trading ball-players since 1934 when he himself was bought from the Washington Senators.



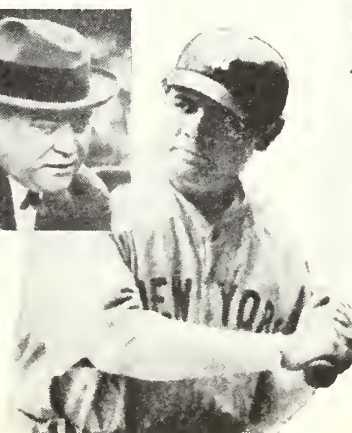
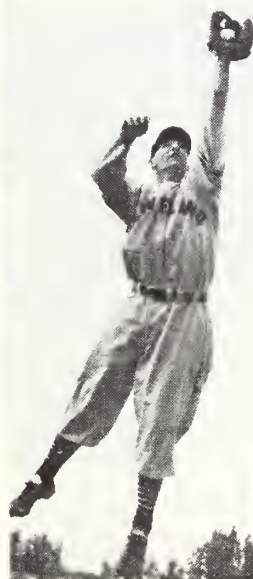
Many trades start in confabs like this one between Brooklyn's Walter O'Malley, left, Giant's Horace Stoneham, right, and league president Warren Giles, center.

won only one pennant during Yawkey's regime.

"You can't buy a pennant," Cronin says, "and very seldom can you trade yourself into one. Yet, even when you're on top, you have to think of potential deals all the time. Your ball club has holes and you stay awake nights trying to dope out how to plug them up. You meet other club owners and talk to them on the phone, and you both hope that maybe you can complete a mutually advantageous deal.

"You never make a trade thinking you're going to get the best of it. You make it in hopes that the man you get will fit into your team and the loss of the man you give up won't hurt you.

Harry Frazee, left below, sold
▼ Babe Ruth for \$100,000.



You think only in terms of satisfying your needs, so that you can move up in the pennant race. If that holds true, you don't care how much you might help the other guy unless he's a contender."

This explains why the Red Sox, in Cronin's time, have never made a deal with the New York Yankees and why they haven't done business with the Cleveland Indians since 1940.

"There are two reasons for this," Cronin said. "One, the players on those clubs that we'd like to get they want to keep and vice versa. Two, we're all contenders and inclined to back away from each other. You rarely see two contending teams completing an important deal. When it happens, it can sometimes mean pennants for both."

That was exactly what happened after the Indians swapped Allie Reynolds to the Yankees for Joe Gordon at the end of the 1946 season. Reynolds helped to pitch the Yankees to half a dozen pennants. Gordon was a key figure when the Indians won the 1948 flag.

"But you can count those pennant-winning deals on the fingers on one hand," says Cronin. "When I was with the Senators, Clark Griffith made a series of deals that gave us the 1933 pennant. We got Goose Goslin, Walter Stewart, Red Schulte, Jack Russell, Luke Sewell, and Earl Whitehill in three different winter trades. Everyone fit perfectly into our plans. It just happened that those men whom we wanted were available, and we had just the right men to give up for them.

"In more recent years, the Giants traded themselves into a pennant when they got Eddie Stanky and Al Dark

◀ Cleveland gave the Yankees Allie Reynolds for Joe Gordon.



Dominic DiMaggio



Dick Wakefield

One of the great "finds" in baseball was Dom DiMaggio who had a brilliant career with the Red Sox. Wakefield, \$52,000 bonus player, never made good.

from the Braves. Stanky had enough good baseball in him to help them win the 1951 pennant, and Dark helped them right up until the time he was traded to the Cards."

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By **EDGAR A. GRUNWALD**

THIS YEAR the Great Automobile Drought is over. In fact, as 1956 works its way out of one of the roughest winters and coldest springs in a long time, many an auto dealer is making gestures to get rid of inventory.

So, because the car makers can build more autos than you want at the moment, you are the boss.

What kind of boss do you want to be?

Do you want periodic overproduction to get bargains? Or do you want level production to stabilize things? Before you answer that, ask yourself some more questions:

What motivates you to buy a new car, anyhow? Is it sheer transportation? Or is it a compromise between the luxury you want and the price you can afford to pay.

History has these answers:

Long-run, you want a compromise between a nifty job and a price you can afford. Short-run, you'll look at the dollar sign first.

Long-run, you want stable prices. Short-run, you want a fluctuating economy in which, periodically, you can pick up "distress merchandise" or bargains. Long-run, everybody wants a situation in which "a good time to buy a car is any time." Short-run, a few want it the other way.

If you look at a new automobile with the dollar sign as your No. 1 guide, you have entered a guessing contest. Nobody can make a set of rules that will stand up. The current auto situation is your best example. Last year was such a worldbeater that the best brains in Detroit guessed too high on this year's sales. Detroit's bad guess is your good fortune. But by what conceivable set of rules could that have been foreseen?

As a matter of fact, there are only two sure-fire ways—and by "sure-fire" we mean "constant" or "recurring"—to get below-normal prices on new cars:

The obvious one, of course, is that when a merchant cleans out his shelves to make way for new goods, he cuts prices to speed things up. This is most apt to be true if he can't return his old inventory to the supplier—as the auto dealers can't. So they are apt to make cuts at year-end, and you do find lower prices then. Let's say the cut is \$200, just for the sake of example. By waiting a little, you can beat the fellow who bought the same car only a few months earlier by maybe 5 percent to 10 percent.

I'll see.

But remember this: You are now trading in a special price class, and this



The crucial moment when the dealer sharpens his pencil for your deal.



Nowadays you get more than transportation when you buy a car. Among the luxuries available are hi-fi phonographs, offered in the Chrysler line.

price class regularly occurs but once a year, and then only for a very short time. You have locked yourself into a cycle of year-end buying which, if violated, throws you back into the same boat with everybody else.

Your sense of timing thus must be perfect. If you buy a month too early you don't get the bargain; if you buy a couple of weeks too late you not only miss the bargain but get the emotional shock of finding that the car you wanted to trade in has suffered the especially sharp depreciation that always comes with model changes.

As a matter of fact, the fellow who buys when regular prices prevail can recoup some of the \$200 he hypotheti-

cally lost anyhow. To begin with, he gets a better choice of colors, fabrics, etc., for whatever that's worth. And the price class he's buying in—that is, the normal one—has a longer life span than yours (aside from any little haggling he may do). He can space his buying with more leeway, offsetting his initially higher price by fractionally longer use of the car. He can't make up the whole difference, but he can get close enough to feel that he got a good buy.

As for the theory that a car at the end of a model year is a better mechanical job than its predecessors (because the bugs have been chased out), that can indeed be true once in a while. There have been instances when something went haywire early in a produc-

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When you can get THE BEST BUYS IN CARS

If you have a good sense of timing
it is possible to pick up a real bargain.

tion run. But the car makers are plunged into such agony when it happens that they will go to any lengths to make restitution.

More often though, the bugs are imaginary. Rumors of them get started when manufacturers make slight changes in assembly for efficiency reasons. This goes on all the time. But the fact that Chrysler or Ford or GM has

found a faster way to rivet two pieces of steel together has nothing to do with the quality of the steel or the rivets themselves.

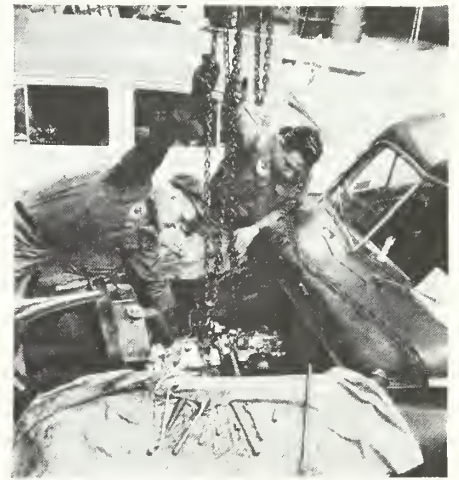
To sum up: You may almost always get year-end bargains if price means more to you than other factors and if you have the knack of timing your purchases perfectly.

Now for the second exception to the

motto that "a good time to buy is any time."

Again, you must start with price as the biggest element in your decision. Here's what you do:

Keep your present car until the only other direction it can head price-wise is the junk heap. You now have no further depreciation to fear; so sit tight until the best new-car buy comes along. If your car stabilizes at, say, \$500, you



If you have an old car needing major repairs, a new one may be cheaper.

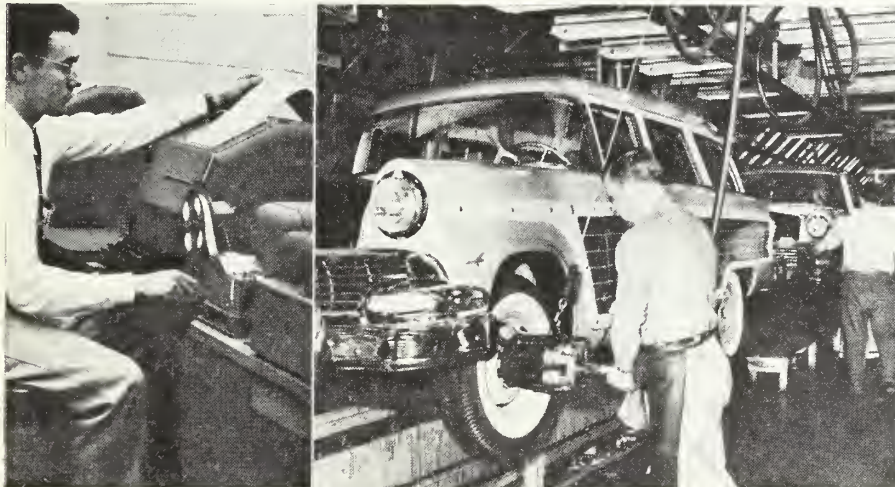
have removed it from the game of statistical hide-and-seek and can bide your time. Just these cautions: Don't run up repair bills until they wash out your buying advantage, and turn a deaf ear if your family uncharitably grumbles that too many trucks are passing you.

Before leaving this interesting game of price poker for something not quite so close to the vest, there are a couple of matters worth noting:

1. New-car prices tend to be higher than average at the start of a year, and used-car prices momentarily don't keep up. During this brief interval new-car stocks are relatively low, while used-car demand won't really warm up until the weather does. Here you pay the highest price for a new car, rarely get a bargain.

2. If you buy a car on time, the U. S. Government says you can—within limits—deduct the interest on this debt from your income tax. Until recently there was some haziness about that. The finance people maintained they were providing car buyers with a service, not really a loan, so the whole subject of interest got snafued in definitions. Now Uncle Sam has clarified it: You can add up your unpaid balance, month by month, during any year; divide by 12; then take 6 percent of that as your deduction (up to a technical point we won't go into here).

You have to watch a lot of angles in buying a car, just as in a house or any
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Every car is made to order. Here at Ford's Mahwah, N. J., plant a teletype operator checks specifications to guide those assembling a particular car.



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The Veterans' Lady



National President of The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

**The important thing is not the prestige of
her position but the opportunity it presents.**

By EDWARD W. ATKINSON

THERE'S ALWAYS A LOT of excitement and enthusiasm when a national organization elects its officers. And this was the case in Municipal Auditorium in Miami Beach when The American Legion Auxiliary elected its national officers last October 13.

The center of all the excitement was strikingly handsome, dark-haired Mrs. Bowden D. (Ruby) Ward. She had

just been unanimously elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary, and naturally she was thrilled.

For most people such a thrill would pall a bit after the first flush of enthusiasm. After the rafters quit ringing and the bands stopped playing, after they'd been away from their homes and had gone through the unending routine of speechmaking, greeting and traveling, not to mention the drudgery of plain, day-after-day hard work, most women

would be completely disenchanted. Not Ruby Ward.

When she was asked—more than six months after she had taken office—to name her most exciting experience as Auxiliary President, Ruby Ward replied, "I'm thrilled *all* the time." Thinking back over her experience in the job, and especially recalling her visits to Veterans Administration hospitals, she added, "I never cease to feel that serving for the Auxiliary is among the greatest things that can happen to a person—to help those men who have given so much."

That answer is typical of the woman. There's nothing of the jaded, blase, pseudosophisticate about the No. 1 Auxiliare.

The Auxiliary's President was born Ruby Hartman in Terra Alta, W. Va. She attended school there and in nearby Kingwood, where the family moved when her father was elected sheriff. Later she studied at Martha Washington Seminary in Washington, D. C., and attended the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. (She is still a competent pianist, and last spring knocked a Denver television audience popeyed with her unexpected, unrehearsed virtuosity). While still a student at the conservatory she met and married Bowden D. Ward, a North Carolinian who served on the Mexican Border and in World War I. He's now Director of Music Education in the Preston County (W. Va.) schools and is a Legionnaire.

The Wards had two daughters, one of whom is deceased. The other, Mrs. Marcelle Farrington of Lancaster, Pa., is a former writer for a national magazine who still does an occasional news story. Last Dec. 27, she gave birth to 8-pound, 13-ounce Ward Bowden Farrington, thereby making President Ward Grandmother Ward.

Long interested in music and long an accomplished musician, Mrs. Ward has happily combined her interests and abilities in directing youth choruses for her church (she's a Methodist). One of her favorite enterprises, and one she sorely misses this year, is the direction of the West Virginia Future Farmers of America chorus, a labor of love she has enjoyed for years. She has even channelled her musical talents to Auxiliary work: when she was Department Music Chairman she organized and directed an orchestra for the Department Convention.

It is only natural for the good wife of a Legionnaire to join the Auxiliary, and Bowden Ward's wife was no exception. But when able, affable Ruby Ward joined the George D. Jackson Unit No. 56 in Kingwood, she didn't just get her feet wet; she jumped all the way in, and soon racked up an amazing record.

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ANOTHER LOOK AT UNESCO

Why The American Legion insists
on an investigation of certain of its
activities in the U.S.A.

By J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



THE PROPAGANDA APPARATUS for UNESCO in this country is extensive, but much of the "line" for the organization can be found in the *Newsletter* issued by the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. In the issue of this *Newsletter* for April 6, 1956, the following appears:

"The current Congressional appraisal of American participation in UNESCO continued on March 19 with the appearance before the House subcommittee on International Organizations of Congressman Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania and Dr. Henry Hope, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Indiana. The hearings are part of a general inquiry into U.S. participation in the Specialized Agencies.

"Testifying on his observations as a U.S. delegate to UNESCO's Eighth General Conference, Congressman Scott pointed out that 'every major policy that our delegation advocated secured the majority support of the Conference.'

"He added: 'I doubt if there are many activities in which the American delegations going out from the State Department can point to a 100% batting average—to use the analogy of baseball, 1000% batting average—and if we were to meet with similar success in the United Nations, for example, many of our problems would be behind us.' [Italics theirs.]

"Commenting on the criticism of UNESCO by the American Legion, Congressman Scott said: 'I don't know what we are going to do with the various Legion posts, for example, who will

not look at the facts, and who continue to ignore the Murphy report . . . I believe that this effort to straighten out the Legion's thinking should continue at the next Legion convention, and perhaps the question can be brought up at the time when the delegates are not so hot and sweaty and willing to pass matters on a few second's determination, and not reading (the Murphy report); and possibly the extension of literacy to Legion conventions, while not a function of UNESCO, might well be considered as a desirable achievement.'"

Passing over the Congressman's insulting reference to Legionnaires as being illiterate, it is regrettable that the Pennsylvania politician, himself a Legionnaire, either knows so little about the organization to which he purports to belong, or is so eager to join the pressure groups in their efforts to smear the Legion on this issue that he will advance such palpable nonsense. However, since these are the tactics of the UNESCO partisans, the following is published so that Legionnaires will not fall for the kind of brainwashing that is attempted in Congressman Scott's statement.

Here are the facts concerning UNESCO as The American Legion views this organization:

There has been much discussion, and some confusion, about the position of The American Legion on the subject of UNESCO. Public understanding has been made difficult by certain inaccuracies in many of the published reports and discussions which have followed

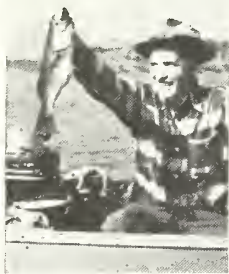
the action of The American Legion's National Convention at Miami last October. In view of all this I appreciate the opportunity to clarify The American Legion's position on UNESCO.

UNESCO is the abbreviated name for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is well to bear in mind that this organization is an affiliated, but not a subordinate, agency of the United Nations. As such, it is not under the control of the United Nations. Nor is the United States Representative to UNESCO responsible to the Senior United States Delegate to the United Nations. He is, I believe, under the direct control of the United States Government.

In the interest of accuracy, I would like to quote from the resolving clauses of the Resolution adopted by the delegates to The American Legion's Miami National Convention. They read as follows:

"RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges Congress to repeal the laws creating the United States National Commission for UNESCO and its Secretariat; and that Congress deliver mandates to all Administrative Departments of the United States Government to desist from further dissemination of UNESCO and United States National Commission for UNESCO materials, reports and programs within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

"That Congress be urged to make a complete current investigation of the
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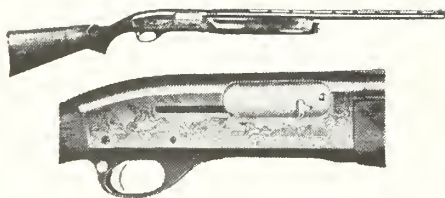


LEGION ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

"DO YOUR PLUGS snag up?" asks Bill Helmbrecht, 518 E. Fourth Street, Seymour, Ind. "Then take one of those heavy sinkers out of your tackle box, one with a wire eye, and attach a snap snivel. Fasten this on line, hold rod tip high, and let the sinker slide down. It will hit your plug with a jar and knock it loose."



IF YOU STILL haven't bought that new shotgun you've been needing, you may be interested in knowing that we have just tested the new Remington Sportsman-58 autoloading shotgun on our trap-skeet range here in the woods of Connecticut and liked its performance. Twelve-gauge shotgun recoil is softened into that of a 20 by its so-called "power-matic" action, which is gas-operated and moves a piston rearward when fired, in turn giving a forward reaction on the gun which makes the discomfort of recoil practically non-existent.

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BUT THIS IS AUGUST, back to fish: Carl Schneider, 1665 S. Winter Street, Salem, Oreg., has a labor-saver for you. "After trying everything recommended for scaling fish and still getting a face full, I've discovered that the best scaler for all species of fish is a small wire brush, the type you use for scraping off old paint and the like. It requires little effort and removes those clinging scales in a jiffy."

On the same subject, A. C. Landreville, Victoria Hotel, Spokane, Wash., recommends: "Rainbow Trout, silvers and such fish with fine scales are handled in jig time with a copper 'Chore Girl' or one of those plastic 'Tuffys.'"

THE SOUTH BEND Bait Co., South Bend, Ind., has just put out a fishing item that looks like a killer. Called the "Rock Hopper," it's a deep-running and a floating lure made of tenite plastic, has a clear nose-scoop which is invisible under water and trips the "Rock Hopper" over snags and rocks. Balanced to retrieve either rapidly or slowly, it pops to the surface when not being reeled in. Retail for \$1.25.

SPECIAL GUN STAND: Winchester-Western is offering a solid maple gun stand to readers of this column at a special below-cost price of \$2. The stand has lucite holders, and represents a price many times below its original sale price. Write: Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., 460 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., and mention this magazine.

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JOHN W. MATTES, 234 Newlove Drive, Santa Maria, Calif., wants to help you carry unsnelled hooks. "I buy an ordinary cellulose sponge at the grocery store," he says, "just like the one my wife washes dishes with. With a razor I cut a slab about 3/8 of an inch thick off the side of the sponge and sew this to the front of my fishing hat. Hooks are impaled in it, and it works equally well with 6's and 8's, 12's and 14's. It's a really handy idea for stream fishing, particularly beating the brush—no loose hooks in your pocket, no fumbling around when you need one. I use the same deal in the surf when testing a stretch of beach. Saves logging the tackle box." (Continued on page 54)

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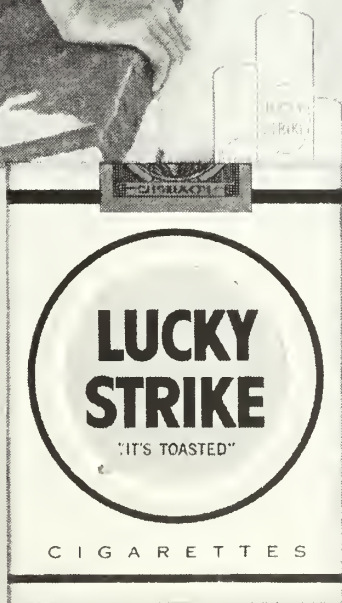
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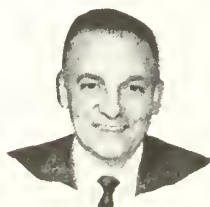
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IMPORTANT CORRECTION REGARDING REPORTING DEATHS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:

"Newsletter" in June reported that notices of death for the purpose of qualifying survivors for Social Security benefits should be sent to Social Security area offices, whose addresses were published. . . . But don't do that. . . . The info was wrong. . . . We got said info from the VA, which is usually a pretty good horse's mouth but muffed this one. . . . Keep away from Social Security area offices. . . . Don't go to them in person. . . . Don't write letters to area offices except when asked to by Social Security. . . . Area offices are set up as administrative clearing houses. . . . They are not manned to handle the public, either in person or by correspondence.

Any personal matters which citizens have with Social Security should be taken to Social Security local offices, deaths and any other individual contacts. . . . District offices which are called district offices. . . . This includes reporting offices may be found in the phone book under "United States, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration." . . . Or if none is listed in your phone book, ask at your Post Office.

When a veteran dies, his death should be reported to the local Social Security district office by the next of kin. . . . And the fact that he was a veteran should be made known, if he was a veteran of World War II or Korea. . . . His military service may have the effect of increasing the Social Security benefits, if any, due survivors. . . . Even veterans without any Social Security number had some Social Security coverage while in service during World War II or the Korean conflict. . . . In some cases this may result in Social Security benefits where none were expected. . . . Social Security offices can figure benefits, if any, by examining the military discharge of a deceased veteran of World War II or Korea.

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WAR ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT GIVES 156,000 ORPHANS OF VETERANS CHANCE FOR COLLEGE TRAINING:

More than 156,000 orphans of WW1, WW2, and Korean War vets will have an opportunity to continue their education as a result of passage of the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act of 1956. . . . The VA estimates that up to \$222,000,000 could be expended during the life of the law.

The act provides funds for education of children of persons who died from service-connected injuries or disease

incurred in WW1, WW2, or the Korean War. . . . For his dependents to benefit by the law, the vet must have had an honorable discharge if death occurs after discharge.

Eligibility: Those over 18 or who have completed high school (whichever occurs first) and not yet 23 years of age. . . . Three major exceptions: (1) Those over 18 but under 23 on effective date of act; (2) Those in school will be permitted to complete term or semester if their individual deadline falls in middle of term; (3) Those who enter military service before age 23.

Duration: 36 months of education.

Monetary benefits: Similar to allowances for vets of Korean War, the act provides payments of \$110 per month for full-time training; \$80 per month for $\frac{3}{4}$ time; and \$50 per month on a half-time basis.

Training: Only in approved colleges, public and private, and in vocational schools, business schools, and other approved educational institutions.

Application: Parent or guardian must submit application for training for prospective student to the Veterans Administration.

American Legion Educational and Scholarship Chairmen and Post Service Officers can provide a real service to eligible and needy youngsters in their communities by providing details of the act. . . . With new school term a short time away, widest publicity should be given this new program which will enable thousands to continue their education.

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CHARGE FOR DISCHARGE PAPERS AND SERVICE DOCUMENTS STOPPED:

On June 19 President Eisenhower signed into law a bill to do away with Department of Defense charges for duplicate copies of discharge papers and service documents. . . . The charge of \$1.50 had been protested by The American Legion, and the bill to ban the practice received strong Legion support. . . . In the future vets may obtain copies of lost discharges without charge.

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ARMY & AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS MAY HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR REGULAR COMMISSIONS:

If H.R. 11683 becomes law in this session of Congress, both the Army and Air Force will be looking for applicants for regular commissions. . . . Both services have a dis-

proportionate number of reservists on active duty whose temporary status provides a problem for both the individual and the service.

Proposed law will allow Air Force to increase number of regulars from 27,500 to 69,425 and the Army from 30,000 to 49,500. . . Increase will offer both services a chance to build a "career" officer corps, get rid of "humps" created by large number of WW2 officers, and avoid wasteful turnover of personnel now going on.

New regulars will come from ranks of reservists both on active duty and inactive status. . . A limited number of commissions will be granted specialists with no prior military background.

Navy and Marine Corps, whose problems of regular-reservist ratios are not so critical, are not affected by this bill. . . They are expected to ask for legislation next year to cover their special problems.

Public Law 547, which was approved on May 31, 1956, may also affect some reservists. . . It provides that military personnel on active duty can retire at highest temporary rank in which they served satisfactorily for at least 6 months. . . Example: Officer who had served as reserve lieutenant colonel on active duty for 6 months or more and later accepted regular commission as captain, would be eligible to retire in grade of lieutenant colonel. . . Public Law 547 applies to all services.

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LIVING WAR VETERAN POPULATION STUDY SHOWS 20,387,000 ELIGIBLE FOR LEGION MEMBERSHIP:

The "numbers game" is frequently played to confuse both opponents and supporters when veterans legislation is up for discussion. . . Recent study completed by Legion's National Rehabilitation Commission points out that most statistical studies of vet population have to be considered with reference to agency which is making the study.

Each agency has a different definition in mind when using the word "veteran." . . For American Legion purposes a veteran is one who served in terms of eligibility for membership in the Legion.

Rehab study points out that this differs from the meaning of term when used by Census Bureau, Department of Defense, Selective Service System, and at times from that of Veterans Administration. . . While these agencies are consistent in their definitions, the figures differ from one another and from Legion's own eligible count.

23,959,000 served during the period of hostilities in WW1, WW2, and the Korean War. Of this number, 20,387,000 are still living—3,084,000 WW1; 13,902,000 WW2 and 3,401,000 Korean War. . . A breakdown of the figures by States shows four States—Arizona, California, Florida, and Oregon—with more veterans in their population than the number which went to war. . . The increase being a direct reflection of the relocation and migration which followed each conflict.

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VA TO DISCONTINUE COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE SUPPLIED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE:

In line with Presidential policy, the VA announced that its field stations could discontinue, at their discretion,

any activity which can be supplied by private enterprise "able and willing to do so."

Included in the list of services and supplies which could be supplied by private firms were bakery goods, cleaning and pressing, ice cream and ices, biological products, and others. . . Stations were authorized to negotiate to see if a "proposal or bid could be obtained under standard Government contract provisions to supply same services."

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WHERE WAS KILROY?

One of the most famous characters of WW2 is now the subject of a medical research project. . . Kilroy, who managed to leave word that he "was here" all around the world, is still as elusive as he was during the war.

While all ex-servicemen recall him, there is no written evidence of his existence before October 1945. . . A research group dealing with military psychology and national security would like to find some printed matter prior to this date making reference to Kilroy.

Those having printed matter from before October 1945 in which Kilroy is mentioned should write Dr. Clyde H. Ward, 15800 West McNichols Road, Detroit 35, Mich. . . . A reward of \$25 will be paid for the earliest printed reference found.

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CHARITY RACKET "TAKE" CAUSING INCREASING CONCERN AMONG REPUTABLE CHARITIES AND FOUNDATIONS:

Organized charities and foundations are reported showing increasing concern over dishonest and fraudulent groups milking the public. . . Latest method of fattening on willingness of average American to contribute to the needy is to adopt a name similar to an old, established charity. . . Similarity in names brings contributions from persons who think they are helping the original organizations.

One study made in 1950 estimates that 3% of total charitable contributions is being lost to unscrupulous groups. . . National figure is placed at about \$100,000,000—more than all endowed foundations together can spend.

Interesting aspect of the charity "racket" is that organizations and business firms are more likely to be victims. . . Individuals are more apt to check requests for donations and limit the number of groups to which they contribute. . . Organizations and businesses generally set aside funds for contributions. . . Many organizations—such as Legion Posts—often fail to challenge legitimacy of requests. . . Partly because of reluctance of individual members at meetings to stand before group and ask that charity be investigated.

In many instances veterans organizations have been used too as the base of operations for phony charities—to the detriment of the organization.

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ORPHANS OF BURMA VETERANS CAN GET SCHOLARSHIP AID:

The American Legion Child Welfare Division has funds available to be used for the education of dependents of men killed in Burma in WW2. . . . Write National Child Welfare Division, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

NEWS *of The American Legion*

and Veterans' Affairs

AUGUST 1956

Ayres & Teague Rebuked By House Passage of War Vet Security Bill

On June 27, after two days of vigorous debate, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 7886, the War Veterans Security Bill. The vote was 365 to 51.

In effect, the overwhelming vote marked the second time, in less than three weeks, that Representatives had overruled Olin Teague (Tex.), chmn of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Earlier, on June 8, the committee—with Teague dissenting—voted the bill out for debate by the House.

The American Legion's War Veterans Security Bill as passed by the House provides that WW1 veterans upon reaching age 65 shall be considered permanently and totally disabled and eligible for a pension of \$90 per month subject to existing income limitations.

The bill, now in the Senate Finance Committee, further provides: (1) increases for WW1, WW2, and Korean War vets under 65, from \$66.15 to \$75 per month; (2) increases from \$78.75 to \$90 for those on the rolls for 10 years; (3) where a veteran is helpless or blind so as to need an attendant, an increase from 135.45 to \$150; (4) a 10 percent increase on all the above rates where the veteran had overseas service for at least 30 days.

All benefits are subject to an income limitation of \$1,400 for single vets and \$2,700 for those with dependents.

Legion Attacked

The months-long fight by The American Legion for passage of its No. 1 priority legislation reached its peak on June 8. After several delays for hearings on other matters, Chmn Olin Teague finally agreed to an executive session at which his committee could express its wishes.

The committee expressed its feelings in no uncertain terms by voting the bill out for discussion by the House over the outspoken objection of Teague.

Tagged to the bill were six amendments which went beyond the scope of the Legion's War Veterans Security Bill. Without major exception, however, these amendments reflected policy which the Legion was mandated to follow, and Nat'l Cmdr J. Addington Wagner hailed the amended bill as one which the Legion "heartily supports."

Overridden by his own committee, Olin Teague bitterly denounced The American Legion and accused it of pressuring committee members into voting for the bill. He rashly predicted that the House would defeat the bill and "teach The American Legion a lesson."

Commenting on Teague's statements, Nat'l Cmdr J. Addington Wagner put his finger on the source of the outburst. "Apparently," he said, "Mr. Teague is disappointed at being outvoted."

"He can criticize the Legion," said the Commander, "all he likes. Of much greater concern to us is the fact that he has seen fit to add to the public misunderstanding and confusion regarding the bill. He has done this by circulating cost estimates which have no basis in fact and which can be interpreted only as a rather frantic attempt to defeat the legislation."

The "numbers game" — the giving out of fantastic estimates of the cost of the legislation — was the first of a series of maneuvers designed to block enactment of the bill. At first Teague reported 77 billion dollars as the cost of the bill up to the year 2000. After the amendments were added to the bill, the cost figures became astronomical, with 148 billion dollars as the new scare number.

Amendments

The amendments were to become more important to supporters of the bill

some three weeks later when they were used in a parliamentary move to scuttle the bill.

The amendments added by the committee provided: (1) equalization of death benefit payments between widows and children of WW1 vets and those of WW2 and Korea vets; (2) an increase of 20 percent in disability pension rates for those who served overseas for at least 30 days; (3) a boost to \$75 per month for widows of Spanish-American War vets; (4) increases in service-connected disability payments; (5) increases in payments to widows and children of vets who died of service-connected causes; (6) increase burial allowance to \$200.

The ensuing weeks between June 8 and June 26, when H.R. 7886 was to be debated in the House, saw violent attacks both upon the Legion and the bill. One interesting facet of the attack was that two small veterans organizations came out in violent opposition to the Legion stand. The smaller one went so far as to outdo even the Bureau of the Budget estimates. This outfit came up with 390 billion dollars as the cost of the program!

The press contributed to the general misunderstanding the bill's provisions. At least one columnist referred to an American Legion "general pension bill." This despite the oft repeated statement by the Legion that it opposed a general pension and wanted a liberalized pension program based on need.

In still another instance, one newspaper took the already fantastic figure

OUTSTANDING LEGION PROJECTS: THE HAVEN (ILL.)



Shown above is The Haven—a resting and fishing lodge for convalescing veteran patients at Marion VA and Anna State hospitals in southern Illinois. The Haven, on Crab Orchard Lake, is a project of the Egyptian Past Commanders Club, southern Illinois Legionnaires. Parties of hospitalized veterans are brought to The Haven for outings, fed and entertained by Legionnaires and Auxiliaries. Other civic and patriotic groups support The Haven. Outings in 1955 accommodated 800 patients. "The Haven is a wonderful spot for convalescing patients," say VA doctors.

of 148 billion dollars for the life of the program, and said that it would be the annual cost!

The Big Debate

When debate on H.R. 7886 opened in the House of Representatives on July 26, it was obvious that the opponents of the bill would use every possible means to kill it. They were apparently determined to do so even if it meant that there would be no veterans legislation at all.

The Representatives were treated to the seldom seen sight of a chairman of a committee attacking a bill which his own committee had approved. For Olin Teague, the Legion's bill was a challenge which he was determined to meet and destroy.

He was outdone by Rep. William H. Ayres (Ohio) in the parliamentary maneuvering designed to scuttle the measure. The fight for the veterans was led by Rep. Edward Edmondson (Okla.), a WW2 vet and Legionnaire who ably championed the cause of the needy and disabled.

The strategy of the bill's opponents was apparent: To exaggerate the cost of the program presented by the Legion; to insist that it could not pass the Congress; and to offer instead a substitute motion that would cover service-connected disabled only.

At one point in the debate Ayres read into the record a letter written by President Eisenhower to the chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee on May 30. The President opposed legislation such as H.R. 7886 and suggested that the House wait until he submitted recommendations based on the various studies already made.

The debate raged on with Ayres and Teague almost alone in their violent opposition to the bill. Congressman after Congressman rose to speak in favor of providing help for servicemen and their dependents and to defend the bill from the wild attacks which were being made upon it.

On Wednesday, June 27, the voting began. It having become obvious that the majority of members of the House were in favor of the legislation, Rep. Ayres resorted to a parliamentary maneuver which Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers (Mass.) later referred to as a bit of "technical righteousness."

Under the rules of the House of Representatives pension matters are considered to be "privileged legislation." As such, they go directly to the floor of the House for debate without having to go through the Rules Committee.

On this point Rep. Ayres made his first move. He raised a point of order. The point, he said, was that "privileged

legislation" should deal only with pension matters. The various amendments — some of which provided increases in compensation for service-connected disabled — were not, by definition, pension and therefore could not be considered by the House at this time.

The point of order, highly technical and based only on the definition of the words "compensation" and "pension," was ruled on by the presiding officer, Rep. Jere Cooper (Tenn.). He stated that "the ruling of the Chair does not necessarily respect the views of the Chair," a definite indication that he was not in sympathy with the motion.

Cooper ruled, however, that Ayres was technically correct. Because of this point of order, all of the amendments to the bill which had been added by the Veterans Affairs Committee were dropped from consideration by the House.

This left the Representatives with only that part of the bill to be considered which provided increases in pensions for non-service-connected disabled.

Turn About

Even this drastic cut, however, was not enough for the bill's opponents. Ayres now moved that the bill be re-committed to the Veterans Affairs Committee for purported Teague amendments — a "death blow." It was here that opponents of the bill found themselves in the uncomfortable position of having hurt most the men they claimed to champion.

Rep. Edmondson immediately made the point of order previously made by Ayres. Teague's amendments, he pointed out, were compensation matters and therefore also not privileged legislation. By this time, Rep. Rayburn (Tex.) had returned to the Chair as Speaker of the House; he ruled in favor of Edmondson.

The motion was now made by Ayres that the bill simply be re-committed. On a division vote the motion carried 159 to 107. At this point Rep. George H. Christopher (Mo.) demanded a rolleall. The vote of 305 to 110 effectively killed the motion to recommit.

There was no further debate. The stripped-down bill was presented to the members; it carried by a vote of 364 to 51. The House of Representatives had given the needy and disabled veterans the help which The American Legion had asked for them.

Even more, the House had shown by its vote that rather than "teach The American Legion a lesson," it endorsed the Legion's fight to provide security for men who served their country in time of war.

Ironically, however, the opponents of the bill had done a disservice to the men they said deserved first claim upon

the Government. In their wild-swinging attempts to defeat the War Veterans Security Bill, they had prevented the House from voting increases in compensation payments.

Mrs. Rogers denounced those who had used parliamentary maneuvers to hurt the chance of the service-connected disabled to get an increase in payments. She said, "Veterans struggling to pay the increased costs of these times can gain no satisfaction out of a point of order. A point of order will not help them to buy food or pay the rent. To raise a point of order under these circumstances seems to me to border on legislative immaturity."

Legion Acts

The Legion moved swiftly to correct the injustice.

On June 28, H.R. 12038 to increase compensation for service-connected disabled was introduced into the House. Later the same day Rep. Sisk (Calif.) introduced a bill written by the Legion to establish equalization of death pensions for widows and orphans of veterans of WW1, WW2, and the Korean War.

In a telegram to members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Nat'l Cmdr Wagner pledged the Legion's "vigorous and enthusiastic" support to increases in compensation payments, and said the Legion is "vitaly concerned" with equalizing pension benefits for widows and orphans.

Commander Wagner called passage of the bill "dramatic proof that the nation has not forgotten or forsaken its defenders."

Legion Champion

While the Legion had marshalled its forces as never before in its history to gain a measure of security for its needy comrades, the victory was won by its friends in the House of Representatives.

To Rep. Ed Edmondson (Oklahoma) went most of the plaudits. It was Edmondson who led the fight during the debate and hectic floor action on the bill. In this he was assisted by many members of the House.

In the Veterans Affairs Committee the following Representatives fought for the bill:

W. J. Byran Dorn (S.C.), Elizabeth Kee (W. Va.), George S. Long (La.), James A. Byrne (Pa.), Frank W. Boykin (Ala.), Wayne N. Aspinall (Colo.), Leo W. O'Brien (N.Y.), George H. Christopher (Mo.), Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (Mich.), B. F. Sisk (Calif.), Edith Nourse Rogers (Mass.), Bernard W. (Pat) Kearney (N.Y.), Paul A. Fine (N.Y.), Phil Weaver (Nebr.), William H. Avery (Kans.), James A. Haley (Fla.), and Eugene Siler (Ky.).

Other Representatives who contributed much to the fight and who helped win the victory were:

Rep. John Bell Williams (Miss.), James E. Van Zandt (Pa.), Kenneth J. Gray (Ill.), Charles A. Wolverton (N.J.), Leroy Johnson (Calif.), Thomas G. Abernethy (Miss.), and Joe L. Evins (Tenn.).

Next Step

For Past Nat'l Cmdr John Stelle and Herman Luhrs, co-chairmen of the Legion's War Veterans Security Bill Committee and their committee members, the fight, however, was far from over. The Senate Finance Committee was the next step up the ladder to enactment of the bill.

The strategy here would be the same as it had been in the House. Nat'l Cmdr Wagner said, "The key to victory is the same . . . the active support of individual American Legionnaires and American Legion Auxiliary members."

Telegrams, letters, and phone calls would help in getting action by the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Byrd (Va.) said his group would consider the bill "as soon as we can find time to take it up." He noted, however, a long list of items requiring his committee's attention.

With time running out in the present session of Congress it would take concerted action by Legionnaires and Auxiliaries to make sure that the bill did not die in committee without being acted upon.

Hardy Bill

While the fight in the House drew most attention, the Legion was also watching the progress of the Hardy Bill, H.R. 7089, in the Senate. This legislation which deals with survivors benefits has been the subject of much work by the Select Committee of the House of Representatives, The American Legion, and now by the Senate Finance Committee.

In hearings before the Senate group, the Legion proposed several changes in the bill to make it "stronger and more equitable."

The proposed amendments provided (1) monthly payments of at least \$30 "for each and every child" under 18 in cases where the widow receives VA dependency and indemnity compensation payments; (2) exclusion from annual income limitations of parents, VA disability compensation payments and VA administered contract insurance payments for disability or death; (3) that active-duty servicemen be permitted to revive permanent-plan insurance contracts they had surrendered for free indemnity coverage; (4) renewal of USGLI or NSLI 5-year level-premium term insurance if it expired while ser-

viceman was on active duty after April 25, 1951 and before enactment of the Hardy Bill; (5) that Jan. 1, 1957 be the effective date of the bill; (6) that U.S. Public Health Service and U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey personnel not be covered by the bill; (7) greater benefits for dependents of war-time dead; (8) recognition of House action to codify VA-administered laws relating to compensation payments.

One unexpected and happy development in hearings on the Hardy Bill occurred when Senator Russell B. Long (La.), WW2 vet and Legionnaire, introduced S. 3067 on behalf of himself and 52 other Senators.

This bill provides that insurable vets who served between Oct. 8, 1940 and Sept. 2, 1945 and Korea vets will be given another opportunity to obtain National Service Life Insurance upon application within one year after the effective date of the bill. The Senate Finance Committee decided to incorporate this measure into H.R. 7089, the Hardy Bill.

The bill was reported out of the committee on June 19 and was passed by the Senate on July 2. The amended bill then went to a House-Senate Conference Committee where early action is expected. If the committee works out a satisfactory compromise, Presidential approval is expected.

No Abuses

American Legion representatives appeared before a House Veterans Affairs special subcommittee to testify on proposed legislation to cut off VA payments to veterans serving prison terms.

Earlier in the year such payments had been called "abuses" of the law. Experts in veteran law had objected to the labeling of legal payments in this manner. Since the law makes no provision for curtailing payments to those in penal institutions, payments are legal and in compliance with existing legislation — not an abuse.

At the House hearings, Legion representatives said they agreed that payments to men serving prison terms for felonies should be stopped after 61 days. The Legion, however, opposed cutting off payments to those serving terms for misdemeanors.

The Legion also asked that payments continue for an imprisoned veteran's wife or children.

AMERICANISM:

Successful Test

In early May the American Heritage Foundation conducted a test campaign in Davenport Iowa. Purpose of the test was to see if a well-organized, well-run campaign could build up the list of registered voters.

Spearheaded by The American Le-

gion, and with the cooperation of some 35 other organizations, the week-long drive brought 2,300 new voters to Davenport's City Hall to register for the June 4 primaries.

The campaign, in which Davenport was used as a "pilot" study, is called "Register, Inform Yourself and Vote." It is not a get-out-the-vote campaign, rather it is an effort to remind the voters of their duties as citizens.

Constitution-Citizenship Day

Constitution-Citizenship Day will be observed on Sept. 17. In past years 1 Am An American Day — later Citizenship Day — was celebrated on the third Sunday in May.

It is now combined with Constitution Day because the ideals and objectives of both observances are so closely related. The Day emphasizes the constitutional rights of all Americans citizens and the necessity for preserving them.

The Day is dedicated to the recognition of new citizens — both the native born who have reached the age of 21 — and the newly naturalized citizens of the United States.

A booklet giving details of how to conduct a successful Constitution-Citizenship Day Program has been prepared and distributed by the Nat'l Americanism Commission.

Flag Day

The nation-wide observance on June 14 of the 179th birthday of Old Glory was highlighted by ceremonies held on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., and televised over the CBS network.

Nat'l Cmdr Wagner, Senators Styles Bridges and William Knowland, Representatives James Van Zandt, Louis Rabaut and others joined in program which honored the Flag.

Speakers included Nat'l Cmdr Wagner, congressional leaders and Supreme Court Justices. Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate Chaplain delivered the invocation.

The Flag was raised to the dome of the Capitol by Zeake Johnson, Jr., House Sergeant at Arms and Edward F. McGinnis, former Senate Sergeant at Arms and a member of the Legion Nat'l Public Relations Commission.

Correction

There is an error in ". . . Speaking for America — 350,000 Young Orators," the story of the 1956 Nat'l Oratorical Contest which appeared in the June issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.

Dan Duckworth, 1956 Nat'l Oratorical Contest winner, was not the first boy ever to appear in two national contests. Roger A. Moore, of Massachusetts, placed third in the 1948 contest and returned to the Nat'l Finals in 1949 to take second place.

ADMINISTRATION:

New Top Kick

On June 22, at the Dep't of Wyoming Convention, Nat'l Cmdr J. Addington Wagner announced the appointment of Emil A. "Blackie" Blackmore, 39, as Nat'l Adjutant of The American Legion.

Blackmore is the seventh Nat'l Adjutant in the 37-year history of the Legion and succeeds Henry H. Dudley, who is retiring after eight years in the post and will become Administrative Consultant to the American Legion.

Blackmore, who has been Assistant Nat'l Adjutant since January 1953, was replaced by Robert E. Lyngh, of Denver, Colo. Both appointments were effective July 1.

Blackmore served in the Navy and is the first WW2 vet to hold the top administrative post in the Legion. He was born at Rawlins, Wyo., and educated at the University of Wyoming.

He is a member of Post 5, Torrington, Wyo., and was formerly Post Service Officer, VA Contact Officer, and Dep't Service Officer.

Lyngh, 38, a WW2 Air Force vet, has served for the past 14 months as public relations aide to the National Commander. He is a member of Post 1, Denver, Colo., and was Dep't Service Officer.

Henry H. "Hank" Dudley, a WW1 Army vet, has long service in Legion Department and National posts.

He served as Adjutant of the Dep't of Nebraska from Dec. 1929 to Aug. 1936, when he became a Nat'l Field Secretary.

In Feb. 1943 he was appointed Director of the Nat'l Field Service and served in that position until Oct. of the same year when he became Assistant Nat'l Adjutant.

In January 1948 he was named Acting Nat'l Adjutant, and on May 5 of that year his appointment as the Legion's top administrative officer was confirmed.



Emil A. Blackmore
National Adjutant



Robert E. Lyngh
Assistant National
Adjutant



Henry H. Dudley
Administrative
Consultant

He is a member of Post 1, Omaha, Nebr.

CONVENTION:

The Big Show

In late June details of the colorful contests which will enliven the 1956 Nat'l Convention in Los Angeles were released by the Nat'l Contests Supervisory Committee.

Since the Convention will begin on Sept. 3 with the big parade and since the business sessions will follow on Sept. 4-6, some changes were made in the times of the contests.

Major change was the scheduling of the Nat'l Drum & Bugle Corps Finals for 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Coliseum.

The other contests begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, when the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps Contest takes place in the Coliseum Ticket Building. At 1:00 p.m. the Junior sponsored and Senior Bands compete at Bovard Auditorium.

The Senior Color Guard Contest will be held at the Coliseum Ticket Building at 2:00 p.m., Sept. 1. The Senior Drum & Bugle Corps will use the same building at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 2, for their contest.

At 10:00 a.m. the Firing Squad Contest will be held at Bovard Field, and at 1:00 p.m. the Junior Color Guard Contest will take place in the Coliseum Ticket Building.

The Nat'l Chorus Contest will be held at the Los Angeles VA Center at 2:30 p.m.

A record number of American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps are expected to compete in both the Junior and Senior competitions at the 1956 Nat'l Convention.

En route to the Convention many of the top corps will stop at San Francisco to participate in the Golden Gate Spectacle of Music at Kezar Stadium on August 30. In addition to competing for more than \$5,000 in prize money, they will help to raise funds to send the U. S. Olympic Team to the 1956 games in Melbourne, Australia.

Free Fords and Money

The Seagram Posts of The American Legion are once again donating new Ford automobiles to be awarded to four lucky Legionnaires or Auxiliaries at the 1956 Nat'l Convention.

In addition, \$250 will be given to the Post or Unit in which the winners hold membership.

The contest is open to all Legionnaires or Auxiliaries holding 1956 or 1957 membership cards. The winner

need not be present at the drawing which will be held at the Nat'l Drum & Bugle Corps Finals.

To enter the contest, simply fill out the coupon which appeared in the advertisement on pages 42 and 43 of the July issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.

Coupons may also be obtained at Dep't Conventions and at registration booths in hotels at the Nat'l Convention in Los Angeles.

Coupons should be signed and mailed by midnight Aug. 31, 1956, to P. O. Box 57395, Los Angeles, Calif., or deposited in contest boxes at the Convention.

UNCLAIMED MONEY:

Who Owns It?

The persons named below have at least \$300 coming to them from the Army.

Most of them are former GIs or their dependents.

The Army tried to send each of them a check it owed them, to an address at the towns listed.

The Post Office returned the checks.

The Army still has the checks and would like to put them in the hands of the rightful owners, if it can find them.

Are you one of the persons listed, or do you know someone who might be?

All told, the Army has more than 18,000 such checks.

We ran a different list in the July issue, and will run more in the future.

Meanwhile, go over these names to see if you can spot yourself or someone you know.

If so, contact *Undelivered Check Section, Special Claims Division, Finance Center, U.S. Army, Indianapolis 49, Indiana*.

Alexander, Clifton W., Oakland, Calif.
Anderson, John R., Miami, Fla.
Atkinson, David C., Columbus, Ohio.
Baker, James Jr., Frankfort, Ky.
Baker, Joe F., Kellyton, Ala.
Baker, Lawrence E., Palmyra, N.C.
Balderas, Doroteo Jr., Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.
Barker, William F., Clarksburg, W. Va.
Batteau, Willie Edward, Dayton, Ohio.
Beacham, Baker B., Ellettsville, Miss.
Begay, Dan, Tooele, Utah.
Beltran, Valentin R., El Paso, Tex.
Biagas, Gustave Jr., New Orleans, La.
Borden, Burse D., Danville, La.
Braden, Lula Bell, Chicago, Ill.
Brown, Harold R., Chicago, Ill.
Brown, Johnnie C., Ft. Benning, Ga.
Brown, William Jr., Stockton, Calif.
Bruce, Robert B., Seager, W. Va.
Bryan, Leslie H., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Bryant, James E., Nashville, Tenn.
Bullock, Lynwood N., Philadelphia, Pa.
Buntrock, Harold A., Elgin, Ill.
Burchett, Betty T., Lake George, Colo.
Burns, Thomas J., Hoboken, N.J.
Burl, Arnold H., Dayton, Ohio.
Cahoon, James S., Washington, N.C.
Cain, Millard E., Mountain View, Alaska.
Callaway, Della M., Atlanta, Ga.
Carey, Alfred, Indianapolis, Ind.
Cary, Robin C., Chicago, Ill.
Chambers, Norman G., Baltimore, Md.
Chaney, Oscar H., Edwardsburg, Mich.
Chargualaf, Angel C., San Diego, Calif.
Charles, William S. III, Atlanta, Ga.
Chrisberry, William J., Glendale, Calif.
Chunn, David C. Jr., Camp Rucker, Ala.



WHO'S ON FIRST?

—YOU ARE! You've completed one full hitch in the Armed Forces. Now's your chance to continue "around the bases" with the skills the Air Force needs and build a career where you are most wanted.

The new Career Incentives Act provides for a generous pay raise, increased bonuses and allowances, and extended retirement benefits for men who make the Air Force a career. Few other occupations offer such

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Please send more information on Air Force Prior Service Program.

Name _____

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State _____ Year Separated _____

CONTEST:

Win \$500

We want your ideas concerning The American Legion and what you think can be done to make the organization better at the Post level.

For that reason we are offering \$500 for the best letter entitled:

MY IDEA OF THE IDEAL AMERICAN LEGION POST

Every Legionnaire has ideas on this subject, and maybe you are one who has discussed or argued this subject before the members of your Post. Here is your chance to make these ideas of yours pay off.

Maybe the Post to which you belong is your idea of the ideal Post. If so, tell us about it. Let us know about its physical facilities, the things it does in the community, the social affairs it sponsors, and the way it participates in the big national programs of The American Legion.

Possibly your own Post falls short in your estimation, but you know of some other Post that you consider ideal. If so, we'd like you to describe it. You may identify it or not, as you wish.

Or it may be that you'd rather describe a Post from imagination, the kind of Post you'd join in a minute if such a Post existed.

We want to keep this contest as simple as possible, so the rules will be few.

1. Your letter may be as short or as long as you wish.
2. Only Legionnaires are eligible.
3. Winning letter will be published in our January 1957 issue, and the \$500 will be paid at that time.
4. All letters become the property of *The American Legion Magazine*, and none will be returned.
5. Type or write clearly, and be sure your letter bears your name, address and Legion membership number.
6. All letters must be addressed: Ideal Post Editor, The American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, N.Y., and postmarked no later than October 15, 1956.

ECONOMIC:

Loan Extension

In late June, Nat'l Legislative Director Miles Kennedy appeared before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Subcommittee holding hearings on the extension of the GI Loan program.

The program, which is due to expire on July 25, 1957, has guaranteed 36 billion dollars in GI mortgages and has helped more than 4,700,000 veterans buy their own homes since WW2.

The Legion proposed a three-year ex-

tension of the bill as a "matter of simple justice." Kennedy pointed out that an estimated 10,000,000 veterans have not used their entitlement under the law and that some 800,000 to 1,000,000 vets will want to take advantage of the bill before next year's deadline.

This, said Kennedy, could lead to an "inflationary sellers' market" with veterans bidding against one another and against nonveterans for the limited number of available homes.

Extension of the bill would provide an opportunity for those veterans who are just now becoming well enough established in jobs and business to take on the obligation of buying a home.

Lack of homes for purchase, high prices, and the disruption and dislocation caused by the Korean War caused many ex-GIs to delay using their GI loan privileges.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

► Rev. Edward J. Carney, O.S.A., Past Nat'l Chaplain of The American Legion, was honored at a testimonial dinner in Lawrence, Mass., on June 10, the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. Many prominent Legionnaires (among them: Nat'l Cmdr J. Addington Wagner, who was one of the speakers; Past Nat'l Cmdrs George N. Craig, James F. O'Neil, and Arthur J. Connell)—joined residents of Lawrence in honoring Father Carney. Gov. George N. Craig, who was Nat'l Cmdr during Father Carney's tenure as Nat'l Chaplain, presented him with a new automobile as a gift from his many Legion friends.

► Chesterfield Cigarettes, which sponsors baseball and basketball teams that play at VA Hospitals is sending the teams' manager and coach, Pete Petropoulos, to Dep't of New York Convention and the National Convention. Petropoulos, a much decorated Legionnaire, will discuss future Chesterfield sports programs with service officers and rehab experts at the Conventions. Part of the program includes distribution of free Chesterfield cigarettes to hospitalized veterans.

► In order that Legionnaires who drive to the Nat'l Convention in Los Angeles will understand why their baggage is inspected at the California State line, the All-Year Club of Southern California explains that the inspection is necessary to prevent the importation of insect pests which are often unknowingly carried in the baggage of motorists.

The club also offers without charge a full-color sightseeing map of the Los Angeles area. Address: All-Year Club of Southern California, Ltd., 517 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles, Calif.

► Past Nat'l Chaplain O. G. Birkeland, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

in Whitehall, Wis., for 25 years, was presented with a new 1956 automobile by his congregation. The presentation was made at a large outdoor silver anniversary service.

► Post 290, Rosedale, Ind., offers an opportunity for a deserving young doctor to begin his practice in that region, where an area of approximately 15 by 24 square miles—including several small towns—is without a doctor. Office space and a house are available, and Post 290 and other civic organizations stand ready to help some young general practitioner get started. A hospital is located within eight miles of Rosedale. Those interested should contact: Commander W. O. Hookey, Post 290, The American Legion, Rosedale, Ind.

► Women Legionnaires of Los Angeles invite other women Legionnaires to attend "Fiesta Californiana" from 2 until 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Sept. 2. The event will take place at Hollyhock House on Olive Hill, 1664 Vermont Ave. The California ladies promise colorful music, delectable food, and many distinguished guests.

► The June 13 issue of *The Sporting News*, authoritative baseball weekly, devoted four pages to American Legion Junior Baseball, and called attention to the coverage with the front page headline "Roundup of Legion Junior Ball . . . See Pages 19, 20, 21, 23."

► Portions of the facilities of "Legionville," the new School Patrol Training Center on North Long Lake near Brainerd, Minn., will be in use this year. Posts of the Dep't of Minnesota are building the training center at a cost of \$130,000.

► Planning for the 1957 membership campaign is in full swing. By early July two additional Area Membership Conferences had been announced. They are:

The New England Membership Conference (Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts) which will be held at Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on Aug. 18-19. Requests for hotel accommodations should be sent to: Manager, Hotel Vesper, Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

The Membership Conference of the Departments of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, which will be held at Helena, Mont. The conference will take place Aug. 18-19 at Montana Dep't Hq. For reservations write Montana Dep't Adjutant Lou Babb, Helena, Mont.

► The Veterans Administration Hospital reports to the Nat'l Cancer Conference in Detroit have added weight to the theories that (a) there is a relationship between heavy smoking and lung cancer and (b) that some forms of ean-

cer, notably leukemia, are transmitted by viruses.

► Ed Linder, theater manager of Rockville, Md., permitted a 1956 Legion membership card to admit two persons to the Villa Theater between April 2 and 12. It was good public relations for the theater, and it helped Post membership.

► This summer marks the ninth year that the Past Commanders' Club has operated The American Boys Camp at Coloma, Wis. About 600 boys and girls are enjoying the camp free, at a total cost of about \$35,000. The Past Commanders Club is a national organization of Past Commanders of The American Legion, at all levels from Post Commanders through Nat'l Commanders. Its offices are at 64 W. Randolph St., Chicago 1, Ill.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

PAST NAT'L CMDR SEABORN P. COLLINS (N. Mex.), awarded honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by New Mexico A & M College.

LEO V. LANNING, Legion National Executive Committeeman from Dep't of New York, appointed manager of VA Regional Office in Buffalo, N.Y.

NORMAN M. (PAT) LYON (Calif.), vice chmn of The American Legion Aeronautics Committee, and a Naval Reserve Captain, honored at an inspection

and review when he retired after 27 years' service in both World Wars and Naval Reserve.

PAST NAT'L CMDR PAUL H. GRIFFITH (Pa.), elected executive vice president of Buehart, Inc., a firm of architects and engineers.

MAJ. GEN. LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director of U.S. Selective System, and a member of Post 257, Fremont, Ind., promoted to rank of lieutenant general.

WENDELL C. PHILLIPPI, 37, a member of Post 186, Indianapolis, Ind., promoted to rank of brigadier general, thereby becoming the second youngest general in the National Guard.

NAT'L CHAPLAIN JOSEPH MACCARROLL (N.J.), awarded life membership in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains by the Legion National Executive Committee.

Died:

CHARLES E. MCKENZIE, a director and longtime member of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corp., suddenly, in Monroe, La.

ED GOLDBERG, Master-at-Arms of the Dep't of Arizona for 16 years, and recently appointed Honorary Dep't Master-at-Arms for the rest of his life. He was 92.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a

testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Joseph M. Dickerson (1956), Post 2, Montgomery, Ala.

George Holk and E. L. Hiles and E. G. Caldwell (all 1956), Post 99, Foley, Ala.

Charles W. Laughlin and Stanley F. Patten (both 1954), Post 399, San Jose, Calif.

Edward T. Johnston (1946) and William N. Miller (1947) and Webb H. Vassar (1952), Post 470, Altadena, Calif.

Loyal C. Baker (1956), Post 19, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Dean H. Dowis and Dr. Paul J. E. Lundberg and C. N. Johnson and Hobart M. Richards (all 1956), Post 20, Sterling, Colo.

Charles E. Mell, Jr. (1952) and Jerome Sternberg, Sr. (1953) and Alonzo P. Keisker (1954), Post 36, Savannah, Ga.

Grover C. Walker (1952), Post 4, Rushville, Ill.

Mae Irwin and Frank L. Kersting and James P. Beatty (all 1953), Post 37, Quincy, Ill.

William Beckheim and William Maitland (both 1952), Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.

Rawleigh Warner and L. S. Wescoat (both 1949) and Harold Cnumius (1954), Post 302, Chicago, Ill.

Walter J. Lauer and Edward Schmaedecke and Leroy Stoll (all 1951), Post 474, Matteson, Ill.

Karl K. Wilcox (1953), Post 844, Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Dillon (1951), Post 869, Chicago, Ill.

Everett R. Starks (1956), Post 182, Ashland, Ky.

Joseph E. Ayella (1952) and Thomas J. Hilliard (1954), Post 241, Monson, Mass.

Edward Iveson (1947) and George O. Hamman (1951), Post 166, Detroit, Mich.

Jack Dugan and Ray Steele (both 1955) and Halsey Cory and Ray Hervey (both 1956), Post 9, Winona, Minn.

Inez M. Krokker (1956), Post 35, Baker, Mont.

Carl M. Holmgren (1953) and Noah J. Arell (1953) and Harold L. Eastman (1954), Post 21, Concord, N.H.

David B. Mulliken and John S. McEachen (both 1954), Post 1, Leona, N.J.

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John W. H. Moore (1954), Post 224, Ticonderoga, N.Y.

George Orthey and Isidore Mones and Arthur Reilly (all 1954), Post 543, New York, N. Y.

Frank N. Muench, Jr. and John N. Garver, Jr. and Jacob G. Israel (all 1950), Post 665, Buffalo, N.Y.

Warren S. Barton and Thomas M. Briody and Harold J. Burke (all 1948), Post 930, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ben Borreson and William W. Knuckle and Andrew C. Lindho (all 1955), Post 144, Belfield, N. Dak.

Brainard A. Morris and J. C. Kendle and George H. Putnam (all 1956), Post 64, Marietta, Ohio.

Fayne Dodge and Robert Geise and Rev. C. P. Lewis (all 1955), Post 44, Northumberland, Pa.

Walter L. Mason (1946) and Benjamin Miller (1954) and Harry G. Cook (1954) and Joseph E. Taraser (1956), Post 152, Philadelphia, Pa.

James Divinge (1956), Post 727, Philadelphia, Pa.

Donald E. Douglas (1939) and Ralph W. Barron (1940) and Joseph C. Platt (1941) and George A. Smith (1942), Post 1, Seattle, Wash.

Newton Berry (1953), Post 249, Frederic, Wis.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N.Y. Date of award is requested in all cases.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

POST 13, Tallahassee, Fla., has erected and dedicated a specially lighted religious poster in front of the Leon County Courthouse to emphasize the Back to God program.

A BILL NOW PENDING before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee seeks permission for the Sec. of the Interior to sell 60 acres of land to Phillips County Post 57, Mont., for use as a public recreation site. Post leased the land from the Govt. in 1932, and since then has built a recreation area (including swimming pool and baths) on it. Senate has already approved the measure.

POST 638, Cincinnati, Ohio, has prepared a booklet which outlines facts about the Legion (example: a pictorial explanation of the Legion Emblem) and the programs and accomplishments of Post 638. Booklet is intended to attract new members and to enliven interest of old ones.

POST 697, New York, N.Y., organized an excursion to Greece which leaves New York July 22 aboard the luxury liner S.S. Queen Frederica. Nat'l Cmdr Wagner is represented on the excursion by James P. Ringley, of Chicago.

MANY POSTS send one or two boys to Boys' State each year. Quite a number send more than that. Post 280, Miami, Fla., with 68 members, advises that it sends five, or one boy for each 13.6 members.

AS PART OF its Back to God program, Post 35, Union, N.J. conducted a two-week display in a local Post Office substation; displayed throughout the community 35 posters bearing the message

"Teach Children to Have Faith in God"; and has begun to distribute 1,000 grace before meals cards in local restaurants.

AFTER THE Churchville-Chili, N. Y. Central School had been built, there were no funds to provide a flagpole. Pupils at the school who had saved some money from a swimming program offered to buy the materials if Post 954, Churchville, would build and erect the flagpole. Post gladly accepted the offer, also donated a flag to the school.

POST 60, Providence, R. I., has just completed a handsome new brick home at a cost of nearly \$50,000.

POST 419, Manheim, Pa., observed Nat'l Baseball Week by displaying baseball trophies, pictures, etc., in a local department store window. Prominent feature of the display was a uniform of Post's Junior Baseball team.

POST 194, Florence, N.J., sponsors a model airplane club, calls it the "Prop Busters."

FOR THE FOURTH year Post 678, New York, N.Y., composed of postal employees, conducted an essay contest among postal employees in that city. Contest, whose subject was "Why I have Faith in God," was judged by Protestant, Jewish and Catholic clergymen. Winner of contest was presented a U.S. Savings Bond on Memorial Day.

POST 353, Cornwall, N.Y., conducted an exhibit at the Armed Forces Day observance at Stewart Air Force Base. A huge poster labeled "Appreciate Your America" and bearing a large replica of the Legion Emblem formed the background at the Post's exhibition booth. Post also: distributed approximately 9,500 pamphlets dealing with various Legion programs; showed movies having to do with Legion programs or having Legion interest to approximately 1,400 persons.

POST 20, Willcox, Ariz., in conjunction with the local VFW Post, erected a monument to America's war dead on the municipally owned Wilcox Sunset Cemetery. Monument was dedicated on Memorial Day.

AS PART OF the Memorial Day observance of Post 1367 (Huttner-Pasqualini Post) Staten Island, N.Y., a five-man delegation from the Post motored to Arlington (Va.) Nat'l Cemetery, where it placed a wreath on the grave of Arthur Huttner, one of the two men for whom Post 1367 is named.

POST 129, Stillwater, Okla., held the annual Memorial Day Services at the Legion plot in the Fairlong Cemetery. Post placed flags on the graves of 296 veterans.

POST 335, Avery Island, La., (1956 membership: 100) dedicated its new \$40,000 War Memorial Building, which

will serve as a community center, and a youth and recreation center.

POST 1, Hamilton, Bermuda, whose Post home is located on Church Street, is a favorite stopping place for thousands of Legionnaires on vacations from the U. S. An independent Post (not affiliated with any Dep't) its 264 members contribute to American and Bermuda charities and funds.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Send notices to: Comrades in Distress, The American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Army

2nd Engr Amphibious Brigade, 532nd Engr Boat and Shore Regt, Co E—Need to hear from anyone who served with me in New Guinea at Ora Bay, Finchaven, and Hollandia; at Leyte, Mindoro, or Panay, Philippines; or at Inchon, Korea, in WW2. Especially need to hear from those who were at Leyte during the invasion in Oct. 1944 on Red Beach and Blue Beach near Palo where Co E landed. I was injured when a tree blew down on me and a jeep at Red Beach where we had set up a perimeter guard. I may be remembered as the man who was in the Co E motor pool and who replaced Sgt Wally as mess sgt; I remained mess sgt in Korea until we returned home. Capt Walker was Company commander, and some of the platoon leaders were: Lt Forsythe, Lt Pomona, and Lt Bing. Write me, Clyde A. Brown, 1301 W. Washington, Kennett, Mo. Claim pending.

13th Armored Div, 46th Tank Bn, Maintenance Co—At Camp Beale, Calif., I (a pvt) was for a while attached to the Ordnance Co because my legs were not in good shape. A man named John was also attached to the Ordnance Co (he was of Polish descent). At the Ordnance Co I was given the job of handing out rations. During the period Jan. 1 to Mar. 26, 1943, I was injured in a truck accident. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me. I may be recalled as the man who snored loudly. Write me, William M. Buck, c/o DAV, 324 Ontario St., Toledo 2, Ohio.

28th Div, 11th Inf, Machine Gun Co (AEF)—Need to hear from anyone who knew the late Sgt Angelo C. Antonucci. He was hit in the stomach by shrapnel during an offensive; he was given first aid by a doctor, and returned to battle. Write J. L. Tressel, Service Officer, Post 529, The American Legion, 6447 Market St., Upper Darby, Pa. Claim pending.

32nd Armored Regt, Co D—In order to establish claim, I need to contact the company commander, Capt Hovenlon (of Minn.), and the two men who were with Wesley Vassek and me on a truck going after mail when the truck wrecked. We were in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1945. Need to hear from anyone who knows about this incident. Write me, Fred Grubbs, Route 2, Woodruff, S. C.

34th General Hospital—Near Southampton, England, in the fall of 1944 my nose was broken while playing softball. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me or the accident. Write me, (former Pfc) Arden M. Ayers, 314 Rhode Island Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

42nd Div, 142nd Engr Combat Bn, Co B—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from men who served with me in Germany and who remember that I had pains in the left side of my face, that I had a swollen right arm, and that my legs were swollen at times. Write me, Walter Anhuchon, Jr., 4028 Schiller Place, St. Louis 16, Mo.

46th Engrs, Co D (1178th Hq Engr Const)—Need to hear from anyone who served with me at Port Moresby, New Guinea, during 1942-43. Especially need to hear from grader operators T/4 or T/5 Evans, T/5 Elby, and Pfc Hardy. Write me, Louis Williams, Knollwood Circle, Millbury, Mass. Claim pending.

- 63rd Engr Bn**—In order to establish claim, **Ewald H. Muth** needs to contact the doctor who was medical officer of this outfit in Oct. 1944. Muth also needs to contact Dr. R. Richardson, who was medical officer of the **157th Field Artillery Bn** in Oct. 1944. Write Keith Bryan, Platte County Veterans Service Officer, Columbus, Nebr.
- 78th CA (AA)**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers that I received treatments for my feet in the U.S. and on Attu. Also need to hear from anyone who served with me in the **683rd Engr Light Equipment Co** in Okla. and Saipan. Write me, **Parley D. Watts**, 257 Carman Ave., Lovell, Wyo. Claim pending.
- 102nd Div, 405th Inf, Co G**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from Mack McGee who served with this outfit in 1943 and 1944 and whose last known address was Pittsburgh, Pa. Write me, **Ross Wooten**, Box 564, R.D. 9, Tulsa, Okla.
- 133rd Evac Hospital**—While I was serving with this outfit about 15 miles from Manchester, England, in the early part of 1945, a buzz bomb exploded about half a mile away. Some others and I were knocked out, and I have suffered severe headaches since. Need to contact men who served with me at that time or who remember the incident. I recall that the 1st Sgt was named Ross. Write me, **Ollie Hay**, Fort Dodge, Kans. Claim pending.
- 185th Engr Combat Bn**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me in England, Africa, or Italy in this outfit or in the **505th AAA Bn**. I served with the 505th AAA Bn from Dec. 1942 until about mid-1944; I was a S/Sgt. The 185th Engrs was an outfit made up, in 1944, of men who had previously been in the Antiaircraft Artillery. Write me, **Clarence Brugh**, 2009 McDonald Ave., New Albany, Ind.
- 233rd AAA SL Bn, Battery C**—Need to contact men who served with this outfit on maneuvers in New Mexico in July 1943. My back, stomach, knees, ankles, and wrists were injured as a result of falling from a truck. Write me, **Earl Darling**, 1615 B Ave., New Castle, Ind. Claim pending.
- 317th Station Hospital**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me in the mental ward of this hospital from 1946 to 1948 and who remembers the difficulty I had in 1947. Need to learn the name of the ward doctor, and especially need to hear from John F. Kit. Write me, **John O. Craig**, R.D. 2, Charleston, Ill.
- 344th Tank Bn, Co A**—In Feb. 1921 Jesse J. Mumper lost both legs in a tank accident at Camp Benning, Ga. In order to establish claim, his widow needs to hear from anyone who was with him at the time of the accident or who knows anything about it. Especially need to hear from Capt Ernest A. Higgins, Sgt Jenkins, and Tex Frazer. Write Mrs. Jesse J. Mumper, 426 Freedom Ave., Burnham, Pa.
- 369th Engrs, Co A**—In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of Capt William J. Gribble (last known address: W. Philadelphia, Pa.) who was commander of Co A in 1942 and 1943. I had dust fever and was hospitalized for it for about a month in the **51st Evac Hospital** in the fall of 1943. Write me, **Raseo E. Dunn**, 1116 N. Walnut St., Muncie, Ind.
- 434th Construction Engrs, Co A**—I may be remembered as the man who had trouble with his eyes and who had difficulty getting glasses to fit. I was hospitalized because of foot trouble. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Especially need to learn the whereabouts of: Jess Levant (who was a truck driver in St. Louis, Mo., and in Co A); Stout (from Kans., near Fort Riley); doctors and others at the **279th General Hospital**, Osaka, Japan, who worked on my case (particularly Lt Col Snyder; Capt Garry M. Brown, Asst Adjt; Capt E. E. Admise, Adjt); anyone from the **8th Army Hospital** in Taegu, Korea, who remembers me; the doctor who sent me from Korea to Japan. Write me, **James F. Keeler**, 1249 S. Second St., Louisville 3, Ky.
- 668th Ord Anim Co**—Need to hear from anyone who knew me in Germany in 1945 or from anyone who remembers my back trouble which began in Germany in 1945. Especially need to hear from Theodore R. Motley. Write me, **John S. Myles**, R.D. 1, Malone, Ala. Claim pending.
- 916th Field Artillery, Battery C**—In order to establish claim arising out of knee injury I suffered during the summer of 1943, I need to learn the whereabouts of Sgt John Masengale. Write me, **James B. Walden**, 623 W. Walnut, Sleepy Eye, Minn.
- 1981st QM Truck Co**—In order to establish claim, need to contact anyone who served with **Harold R. Dore** in China in 1943 or 1944. Especially need to hear from Edward Girsh, of Chicago, or his wife Sylvia. Write me, Mrs. Marie Dore Zmiyarch, 228 Partition St., Saugerties, N. Y.
- Camp Pickett, Va., 1224 MRTC, 4th Medical Training Bn, Co C**—Need to hear from anyone who knew me during the period Aug. 9—Nov. 16, 1942 in this outfit or in the station

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hospital. Write me, **Chester Belnap**, 534 Kathy Drive, San Antonio, Tex. Claim pending.

Camp Roberts, Calif., 12th Field Artillery Training Regt., 54th Bn., Co. C—In 1942 my back was injured while I was scaling a wall. I was hospitalized for 3 or 4 weeks, and was placed on a board on my back. I was known as "Pop." Need to hear from anyone who remembers me or my injury or treatment. Especially need to hear from Pvt Thomas G. Johnson and Pvt Albert Cole, both of Med Section, SCU 1928; Lt Harris and K. Schaefer, nurses in Ward 6; and my battery commander, a 1st Lt whose name is thought to have been Charles F. Yarbrough. Write me, **James H. Smith**, 713 Sixth St., Aurora, Nebr. Claim pending.

Camp Wheeler, Ga., 11th Inf Training Bn., Co. B (Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945)—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Especially need to learn the whereabouts of Sgt Thompson (from N.C. or S.C.) of the 3rd Platoon, or the set who gave me the word to throw hand grenades because I could not hear. Write me, **Clyde R. Orr**, 1306 Sixth Ave., Altoona, Pa.

Fort Dix, N. J., Tilton General Hospital—Need to learn the whereabouts of Capt Shekman, who was my attending physician at this hospital during Oct. 1945. Write me, **Vernon A. Vance**, 1113 Hasbrook, Kansas City, Kans. Claim pending.

Tifanges, Vendee, France—In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of Harry Serota (or Cerota), Paul B. Hilliard, and Alvin Tibbles. I served with these men in the 321st Field Signal Bn in Jan. and Feb. 1919 when the outfit was being hurriedly built up of sick and wounded to be shipped home. I had previously served with the 31st Div, 106th Field Signal Bn., Co. C; Harry Serota (or Cerota) had served with the 78th Div, 303rd Field Signal Bn. I was known as "Dixie" Loose, write me, **J. C. Loose**, Box 482, Route 5, Jacksonville, Fla.

Navy

1st Marine Div—My late husband, **Joseph Cibley McDonald, Jr.**, served in the Marine Corps from Oct. 1, 1940 to Oct. 1, 1945; he entered the service from his birthplace, Cambridge, Mass. He received some of his training at Quantico, Va. He went overseas with the 1st Marine Div in June 1942, and served overseas more than a year; he was at Guadalcanal during the first fighting and was at other islands nearby. When he returned to the States, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. where he served as a baker and worked in the Ammunition Co. At one time he was with the 2nd Ser Co, Ser Bn at Lejeune. He was wounded in the knee and had malaria. He may have been known by the nicknames "Sandy" or "Mac." He held different ratings, and was a Pvt when he was discharged. Some of his comrades were: Roy Mack, Carl Holden, Ingram, Larry Drew, George Wagner, and Col. Barr. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers him. Write me, **Mrs. Rachel McDonald**, 409 Thornton St., Union Point, Ga.

Camp Perry, Va., Marine Detachment—While I was stationed in the E Area in July 1944, the 1st Sgt (who was known as Rusty) ordered me to go to sick call after several of the men complained that my coughing kept them awake. In order to establish claim, I need to contact him and Sgt King and Comdr Mayne (the doctor who treated me at sick bay in Camp Perry) and anyone else who remembers me and my trouble. We were a detached outfit at Camp Perry, and we had no officers; the 1st Sgt was in command. Also need to hear from anyone who remembers me from **Co C, Tent Camp #4 (or Tent Camp #2), Camp Pendleton, Calif.** where I had laryngitis and a cough in Feb. and Mar. 1945. Especially need to hear from **Pfc Tweedie** who was with me at Pendleton. Write me, **Harry Lantz**, Box 191, Mapleton Depot, Pa.

LCI 213—Need to hear from anyone who served under the command of John J. Walsh and who remembers my nerves going bad while aboard this LCI. Write me, **Joseph Ambrus**, 376 W. Main St., Newark, Ohio. Claim pending.

SS Esso Wilmington—My husband, **Gunner's Mate 3c Allen Palmer Andrews**, suffered a back injury while on duty aboard this ship in the South Pacific in Aug. 1944. Need to hear from anyone who served with him, especially from Gerald Desrocher and Leo Guerrin. Write me, **Mrs. Allen P. Andrews**, 8 Mello Parkway, Danvers, Mass. Claim pending.

USS Corregidor—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with **S 2c Elvin Forrest Elmore** who was injured when a case of ammunition fell on his back; he was also hit by shrapnel. He served as

a gunner and as a boatswain for Capt Bowman. Write me, **Mrs. Elvin Elmore, Rozel, Kans.**

USS Gladiator and USS Sepulga—While serving aboard these ships, I had several attacks of appendicitis. In order to establish claim, I need to contact anyone who served with me. Especially need to hear from Chief Pharmacist's Mate Sharrock Hannah, A. W. Penrod, and Lt Comdr. E. L. Rollins. Write me, (former Y 1c) **Don Westerlund**, Box 178, Menomonie, Wis.

USS Lunga Point—Need to contact anyone from 2nd Div who remembers W. W. Shroyer falling from under flight and landing on my back while we were entering Keramo Retto to load ammo on Apr. 20, 1945. I was knocked unconscious and was taken to sick bay. Write me, **Carl E. Streseman**, 73 Elm St., Wabash, Ind. Claim pending.

USS Naval Fuel Depot, S. Boston, Mass. (WWI)—During the winter of 1918 my right ear was frozen. I now need to hear from anyone who served with me. Especially recall: Shorty Rittenmyer, C.W.W. Bordenholm, Lt Nolan, Lt Holliday, Lt Maddox. Write me (former CMM) **Herbert C. Phelan**, 131 Ward St., Nauvauk, Conn. Claim pending.

USS President Lincoln—When this ship was sunk on May 31, 1918, 1st Class Engineer **Carl J. McGeehan** and others jumped into the sea in order to give places in the lifeboats to the more seriously injured. Survivors were picked up some 18 hours later by one of the following ships: Warrenton, Smith, Great Northern, or Southern Pacific. McGeehan's records show that he received injuries to the scapula and patella, and that he suffered broken fingers. McGeehan's widow needs to hear from any member of the black gang who may recall the incident and who may know where McGeehan was taken after the disaster. Write her, **Mrs. Carl J. McGeehan**, 502 Green St., Big Rapids, Mich. Claim pending.

Air

20th Air Force, Hq and Hq Sqdn—**George A. Cote** (known as Al) served with this outfit on Guam in 1948 and 1949. He is believed to have been hurt in a car wreck or jeep wreck in Jan. 1949; he was hospitalized after Apr. 24, 1949. He may be remembered as the man who drove the mail jeep; he also worked at the enlisted men's club. Maj Champion was the unit's commanding officer until Nov. 1948. In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who knew Cote or who knows the whereabouts of anyone who knew him. Especially need to contact anyone who knew him at **Marbo Hospital** and from anyone who was in

the group that was photographed at the enlisted men's club at a promotion party on Feb. 14, 1949. Write me, **Mrs. George A. Cote**, 139 E. Ridgewood Court, San Antonio, Tex.

74th Air Base Sqdn, Greenville Army Flying School, Miss.—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from **Hugh G. Martin** (who lives near the Ky.-Tenn. border), and **Erby E. Moore** (who is thought to be in the service and who lived near Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; his family moved to Ala., near Gadsden) or from anyone who knows their whereabouts. Write me, **Azalee Paul McCullars**, P.O. Box 13, Loretto, Tenn.

Sheppard Field, Tex., 303rd Training Sqdn—On Apr. 13, 1944, I arrived at Sheppard Field from Fort Sill, Okla.; most of the men in my flight were from Okla. My back was injured in a fall while taking part in a wheelbarrow race on or about May 20, 1944, near the southeast corner of the calisthenics field near the south director's stand. Need to hear from anyone who recalls this accident. Write me, **Charles T. Lee**, 4406 35th St., Lubbock, Tex. Claim pending.

Stalags at Nurnberg, Moosburg, and Wetzlar (Dec. 31, 1944 to Apr. 29, 1945); Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, N. C. (Aug.-Nov. 1945)—Need to hear from T/Sgt James Laws (of Gastonia, N. C.) or from anyone who may have heard me complaining about my back during the period from Jan. 1 to Nov. 5, 1945. Especially recall one man from Brooklyn; I showed him how to play golf, and we played at Goldsboro; I think his name was Frank. I was the only man from Maine in my barrack, and I was called "Doc" because I often said "What's up Doc?" I also served in England with the **452nd Bomb Group, 728th Bomb Sqdn**. Write me, **Ralph E. Tetu**, 11 Orchard St., Dexter, Maine. Claim pending.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Send notices to: **Outfit Reunions, The American Legion Magazine**, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

Army

1st Gas Regt (WWI)—(Nov.) Vic Lomuller, 12921 E. Outer Drive, Detroit 21, Mich.

1st Special Service Force—(Aug.) Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Hufft, 1201 Hibernia Bldg., New Orleans 12, La.

1st Training Regt (Aberdeen, Md.)—(Aug.) Warren D. Ammon, Christiana, Pa.

2nd Engr Regt (AEF)—(Sept.) L. C. Beaumont, R.D. 2, Gosport, Ind.

5th Cav Regt—(Sept.) Bert E. Thompson, 3700 Jackson Ave., El Paso, Tex.

6th Armored Div—(Aug.-Sept.) Edward Reed, P.O. Box 492, Louisville 1, Ky.

7th Army, 1st Sig Bn—(Sept.) Ted Miller, 9278 Lawn Park Dr., Breaksville, Ohio.

8th Inf (WWI)—(Nov.) Henry M. Buckley, 375 Ninth St., San Francisco, Calif.

11th Field Artillery—(Sept.) R. J. Summers, 84 Ampere Parkway, East Orange, N.J.

13th Gen Hosp—(Sept.) Edwin A. Oertel, 5921 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 45, Ill.

17th Sig Operations Bn (WW2)—(Sept.) E. F. Hofmeister, 710 Crown Ave., Scranton 5, Pa.

19th Engrs (Ry) (WWI)—(Oct.) Francis P. Conway, 4414 Sansom St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.

20th Machine Gun Bn—(Sept.) W. W. Long, 105 S. Poplar St., Sapulpa, Okla.

30th, 660th, & 2772nd Engr Topo Bns—(Aug.) Bill Kling, 2348 Highland Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

31st Div—(Aug.) W. A. Anderson, 4913 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

35th Div Assn of Calif.—(Sept.) Dick Church, 1821 Siebel St., Los Angeles 31, Calif.

35th-110th QM—(Sept.) Joe Shurteff, Humboldt, Nebr.

37th FA (WWI)—(Sept.) Clarence F. Morse, 520 Wyekoff Road, Ithaca, N.Y.

38th Div—(Oct.) John C. Reynolds, 209 Crescent Ave., Covington, Ky.

40th Div—(Sept.) Wm. Jenner, 3440 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.

42nd & 52nd Ord (Amn) Co—(Aug.) John H. Folten, 1605 Stocker Ave., Flint 3, Mich.

51st Pioneer Inf (WWI)—(Sept.) Walter Morris, 169-44 23rd Ave., Flushing 57, N. Y.

53rd Bn Ammo Train CAC (WWI)—(Sept.) O. F. McCombs, 1317 Beech St., Abilene, Tex.

55th Artillery (AEF)—(Oct.) Walter E. Jones, 15 Winthrop St., Malden 48, Mass.

55th CA, Battery A (1935)—(Oct.) Everett G. Cox, 1803 Third St., Moundsville, W. Va.

66th Sig Bn, Co C—(Aug.) Ray Miller, 1418 Ashland, Evanston, Ill.

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ASSETS

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| Cash on hand and on deposit..... | 477,694.37 |
| Receivables | 204,697.19 |
| Inventories | 467,240.31 |
| Invested Funds | 1,455,581.26 |
| Trust Funds: | |
| Overseas Graves Decoration | |
| Trust Fund | 254,680.53 |
| Employees Retirement | |
| Trust Fund | 2,056,055.60 |
| Real Estate | 978,243.65 |
| Furniture and Fixtures, | |
| less Depreciation | 212,241.12 |
| Deferred Charges | 66,430.91 |
| | <u>\$6,172,864.94</u> |

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE
AND NET WORTH

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| Current Liabilities | \$ 425,160.92 |
| Funds restricted as to use | 44,338.22 |
| Deferred Income | 1,179,505.43 |
| Trust Funds: | |
| Overseas Graves Decoration | |
| Trust Fund | 254,680.53 |
| Employees Retirement | |
| Trust Fund | 2,056,055.60 |
| Net Worth: | |
| Reserve Fund | 23,852.30 |
| Restricted Fund | 18,860.46 |
| Real Estate | 978,243.65 |
| Reserve for Washington | |
| Building | 18,529.37 |
| Reserve for Rehabilitation | 371,821.61 |
| Reserve for Child Welfare | 8,143.17 |
| | <u>\$1,419,450.56</u> |
| Unrestricted Capital | <u>793,673.68</u> |
| | <u>2,213,124.24</u> |
| | <u>\$6,172,864.94</u> |

68th CAC, Battery B (WWI)—(Oct.) Ben H. Holman, 530 W. Peru St., Princeton, Ill.
 81st Div, North Central States—(Aug.) Denver, R. Raleigh, N.C.
 81st Div, North Central States—(Aug.) Denver—R. Brubaker, 103 N. Major St., Eureka, Ill.
 83rd Div—(Aug.) George Cooley, 1459 Beechwood St. NE., Warren, Ohio.
 88th MP Co's (WWI)—(Sept.) Albert J. Meyer, Cumberland, Iowa.
 90th Div—(Nov.) 90th Div Assn., P.O. Box 145, Dallas 21, Tex.
 90th Div, Midwest Chapter—(Sept.) Thomas J. Ameson, P.O. Box 962, Minneapolis, Minn.
 101st Brigade (SF) AAA Record Section—(Sept.) "Camera Pete", P.O. Box 324 Bonneville, Ore.
 102nd Gen Hosp—(Aug.) John R. Savastano, 20½ Roger Williams St., Rumford 16, R.I.
 104th FA (WWI)—(Nov.) Nat Friedman, 340 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 108th FA, Hq & Hq Btry and Band; 193rd FA Group, Hq & Hq Btry; 111th Airborne Band—(Oct.) Paul C. Greiner, 7512 Manti St., Philadelphia 28, Pa.
 110th-35th QM—(Sept.) Joe Shurtleff, Humboldt, Nebr.
 111th Airborne Band; 108th FA, Hq & Hq Btry and Band; 193rd FA Group, Hq & Hq Btry—(Oct.) Paul C. Greiner, 7512 Manti St., Philadelphia 28, Pa.
 111th Engrs, Co F (WWI)—(Sept.) E. R. Lancaster, 122 N. Duck, Stillwater, Okla.
 121st Field Artillery, Med Detachment (1940-42)—(Oct.) Donald Maceau, 2951 N. 24th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
 129th Inf, Hq Co (WWI)—(Sept.) Floyd Byrne, Pontiac, Ill.
 130th FA, Batteries C & D—(Oct.) Russell Johnson, Stilwell Hotel, Pittsburg, Kans.
 133rd Combat Engrs, Co E and 223rd Combat Engrs, Co B—(Sept.) Ralph Stottler, Kerkhoven, Minn.
 138th Inf (WWI)—(Aug.) Sid Duerr, 730 Yeatman, Webster Groves 19, Mo.
 139th Inf, Co D (WWI)—(Sept.) Ward D. Nance, 607 N. 8th St., Independence, Kansas
 142nd Inf, Co H (WWI)—(Oct.) Capt. H. Craig, Box 582, Childress, Tex.
 144th Inf—(Sept.) Fred M. Roy, 4121 Pickett St., Greenville, Tex.
 164th Inf—(Oct.) Bernard C. Lyons, Box 990, Valley City, N. Dak.
 172nd Ord Depot Co—(Aug.) Lee J. Hayes, 5242 Vanderbilt, Dallas 6, Tex.
 193rd FA Group, Hq & Hq Btry; 108th FA, Hq & Hq Btry and Band; 111th Airborne Band—(Oct.)

Paul C. Greiner, 7512 Manti St., Philadelphia 28, Pa.
 223rd Combat Engrs, Co B and 133rd Combat Engrs, Co E—(Sept.) Ralph Stottler, Kerkhoven, Minn.
 229th FA Bn—(Sept.) Joseph C. O'Leary, 324 Prince St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
 301st Ord Regt, 977th Ord Depot Co—(Sept.) B. A. Cook, Box 791, Santa Fe, N. Mex.
 304th Inf—(Aug.) Edward Cain, 45-09 159th St., Flushing, N.Y.
 304th Ord Regt B, 2nd Bn (611th OBAM Bn)—(Sept.) Laurence W. Jenkins, 370 St. Lawrence Ave., Buffalo 23, N. Y.
 308th Engrs (WWI)—(Aug.) Andrew O. Haefner, 809 2nd Natl. Bank Bldg., Cincinnati 2, Ohio.
 309th Engrs and Ladies Aux.—(Aug.) George Stoner, 750 N. High St., Columbus 8, Ohio.
 314th Inf (WWI)—(Sept.) Chas. M. Stimpson, 2537 E. 14th St., Brooklyn 35, N. Y.
 316th Inf—(Sept.) Ray Cullen, P.O. Box 1303, Philadelphia 5, Pa.
 319th Engrs (WWI)—(Oct.) 319th Engrs Vets Assn, 297 Lobos St., San Francisco 12, Calif.
 332nd Field Remount Sqdn (WWI)—(Sept.) Charley Pea, Rushville, Ind.
 355th Inf—(Sept.) Edward F. German, Pierce, Nebr.
 389th FA, Btry C—(Oct.) G. M. Goetze, Charlotteville Road, Newfane, N.Y.
 428th MPEG Co—(Sept.) S. B. Walker, 2140 Bolton Dr. NW., Apt. I, Atlanta, Ga.
 496th AAA Gun Bn—(Oct.) Leo Schuh, 1145 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, Wis.
 504th AAA Gun Bn—(Oct.) Matt Sobbs, 4471 286th St., Toledo 11, Ohio.
 593rd Engr Boat & Shore Regt, Co D—(Aug.) Bob Ellis, 13 Jarvis St., Binghamton, N.Y.
 611th OBAM Bn (304th Ord Regt B, 2nd Bn)—(Sept.) Laurence W. Jenkins, 370 St. Lawrence Ave., Buffalo 23, N. Y.
 625th Engr (L) Equip Co—(Sept.) William R. Warner, Box 23-A, R.D. 3, Jerseyville, Ill.
 660th, 2772nd, and 30th Engr Topo Bn's—(Aug.) Bill Kling, 2348 Highland Ave., Cincinnati 19, Ohio.
 715th Ry Operating Bn—(Sept.) C. C. Thompson, 6144 Kimbark Ave., Chicago 27, Ill.
 801st TD Bn—(Oct.) 801 Assn, Box 241, Delmar, N. Y.
 1256th Combat Engrs—(Sept.) Frank Erbe, R.D. 2, Box 353, Charleroi, Pa.
 2772nd, 660th, and 30th Engr Topo Bn's—(Aug.) Bill Kling, 2348 Highland Ave., Cincinnati 19, Ohio.
 American RR Transportation Corps—(Oct.) Gerald J. Murray, 417 Vine St., Scranton, Pa.

Signal Corps OCS, 1st Class (Sept. 30, 1941)—(Aug.) Maj. Frank C. English, The SigC Pub Agency (9400), Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Navy

8th Seabees—(Sept.) Edward Sanford, 15 Elliott Road, Trumbull, Conn.
 18th Special Seabees—(Oct.) Bill Finnegan, Box 166, E. Hartford, Conn.
 19th Seabees (17th Marines, 3rd Bn)—(Sept.) Herbert McCallen, 655 E. 14th St., New York 9, N. Y.
 63rd Seabees—(Sept.) L. H. Clausen, 2932 Belden Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.
 97th-108th Seabees—(Sept.) William E. Bochner, 4103 Peck St., St. Louis 7, Mo.
 107th Seabees—(Sept.) Sam Bodell, 956 Brintell Ave., Pittsburgh 1, Pa.
 110th Seabees—(Sept.) J. F. Groome, 210 Bradford Ave., Downingtown, Pa.
 LST 619—(Aug.) Archer M. Muncy, 918 W. Fourth St., Waterloo, Iowa.
 Natl Naval Medical Center, Officers and Nurses (WW2)—(Nov.) Grace B. Lally, 4002 Redden Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.
 North Sea Mine Force—(Oct.) J. J. Kramer, 54 Walnut Ave., Floral Park, N.Y.
 USS Constant—(Sept.) V. J. David, 40 N. Front St., Medford, Ore.
 USS Portland—(Aug.) Ted Waller, 7918 W. 86th St., Overland Park, Kans.
 USS Santa Fe—(Oct.) Ernest LaPorte, 342 Madison Ave., New York 17, N.Y.
 USS Solace (WW1)—(Nov.) Dr. Richard A. Kern, Temple U. Hosp., 3401 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.
 USS Thatcher—(Sept.) Ralph L. Upit, 57 Hersom St., Watertown, Mass.

Air

1st Operations Co, Aircraft Warning Service (WW2)—(Oct.) Charles J. Dimon, Jr., 378 W. Fifth St., Elmira, N. Y.
 8th Aero Sqdn (WW1)—(Sept.) John R. Fitzgerald, 27 Broadway, Lynn, Mass.
 22nd Bomb Group—(Aug.) Lee Camene, 806 Rialto Bldg., 220 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.
 312th Bomb Group—(Aug.) Paul H. Stickel, P.O. Box 27, Greenville, Ohio.
 414th Bomb Sqdn—(Aug.) R. E. Flack, 9473 N. Parkway Dr., Baton Rouge, La.
 555th Bomb Sqdn (M)—(Sept.) Don F. Susat, 1451 Clifton Place, Lakewood 57, Ohio.

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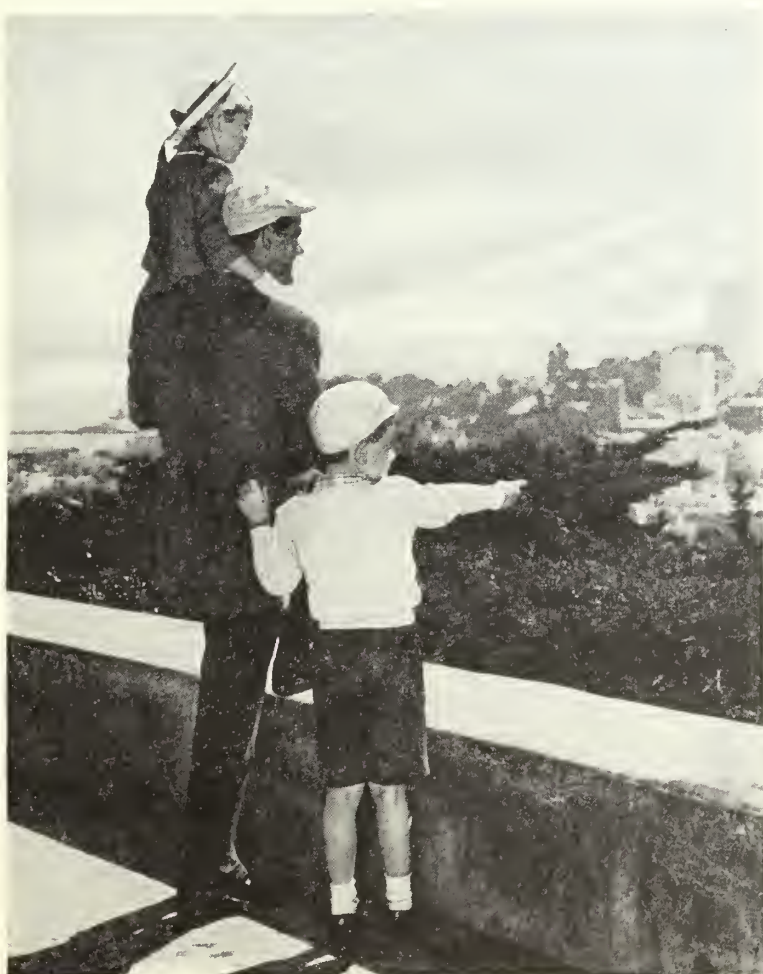
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH EDUCATION?

(Continued from page 19)

a giveaway program, win a trip to Rome by signing their names, or at least get one of the free bicycles given by the grocery store. This get-something-for-nothing complex is not one that will help keep America in front as a vigorous nation.

Recently a group of mothers was talking and one commented that she did not have much time because she had to act as taxi driver taking her children to and from school. We have read the ad about walking a mile for a cigarette. Cannot modern children take a 15-minute walk to school? We strive so hard to make education soft that it is no wonder students have little respect for schools and teachers. The sad part about the situation is that we know people do not value easy things. Passing a grade calls for little more nowadays than attendance at school. The way we promote everyone deprives students of incentive for doing their best work.

What do we expect of our graduates? We evidently expect our students to undergo a metamorphosis after leaving school, since we desire them to be people who will take an active interest in, and who will work for, the betterment of their community. What a foolish expectation when we have taught them that politicians get hired help to do this. Do we expect graduates to take pride in doing things well, better than other people? Why should they? As students they have been carefully guarded against being compared with others in school.

What shall we do to improve education? Many educators are recommending more psychiatrists. I would not dis-

agree with this recommendation provided the people who have set up our policies of soft education are the ones to receive psychiatric service. There is a story of the lady who went to the doctor concerning her husband's health. The doctor prescribed a pill and said the husband must have absolute quiet. She asked when she should give her husband the pill. The reply was, "You do not give it to him, you take it yourself." Our need is not for more school psychiatrists but more work and responsibility. Children are no more abnormal now than they ever were. We need to stop thinking so much about looking for frustrations, and instead concentrate our attention on the work plan of the student.

American schools have been turned into social gathering places with little hard work for the average student. The reason I say "average" is that you will find in any school some very responsible students who will do good, hard work under any plan. Should schools be social clubs or should they be institutions where students are expected to work hard? This work should be put in on subjects in the curriculum, of course. But in addition, because he is allowed the privilege of attending school, the student should feel a responsibility for working to improve the school and the community that has provided the opportunity. Instead of compelling all students to go to high school, would it not be better only to allow those to go who show by their actions that they value school? Schooling past the eighth grade is a privilege, and should be so considered by those attending.

I have visited schools in other countries where part of the school curriculum was eight hours of hard work a week on some project bettering the community. Such things as digging drainage ditches, cleaning up health hazards, and working on beautification projects were done by students—not with a feeling of hardship but with a feeling of satisfaction that they were helping to make a better community. This is educational vitality. Methods may change, but the values of good human conduct are permanent.

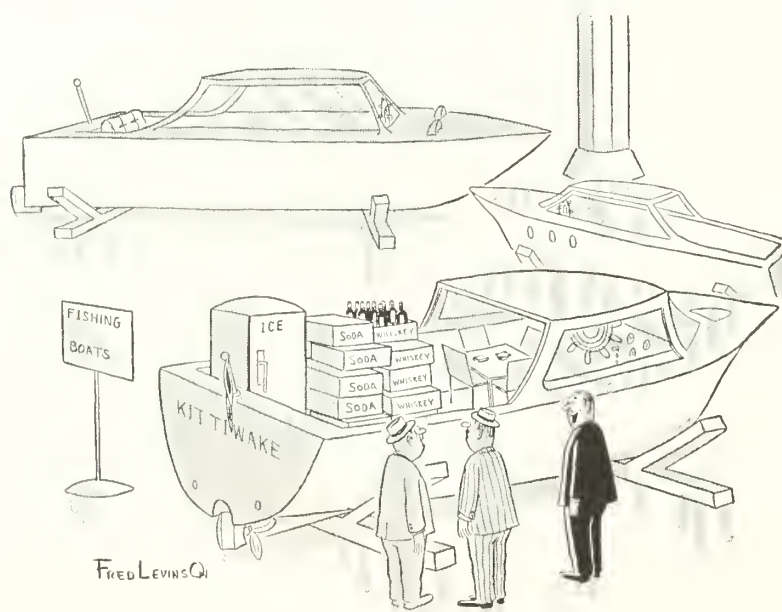
To assist in teaching some of these values I am going to suggest some departures that may seem extreme to the ice-cream-cone educators, but many parents who have heard them have reacted to them with strong approval. My first suggestion is that the present 30-hour school week be increased by six hours and that this additional time be used in adding to the high school curriculum six hours of work on projects helpful to the school or the community. This should be just as much a requirement as English or "social studies." Further, I am brazen enough to suggest something that educators have considered an educational sin: indoctrination. We know that other nations are using youth programs to further their national aims. We believe that we have the best form of government in the world. Why do we not have enough confidence in our judgment to indoctrinate our youth with this belief? It is because we have not indoctrinated people with the value of citizenship in a democracy that we have examples such as the following:

El Paso, Tex., is a city of more than 100,000 people, and yet in a recent election on an important question only 250 people voted. We had a similar example in New Mexico not long ago in voting upon six constitutional amendments. Fewer than ten percent of the voters exercised the franchise in this significant election, and in one district with 500 eligible to vote only 11 did so.

Frankly, I fear for the survival of our country unless we use education to change such conditions. I do not believe that any organization, business or governmental, can continue to be successful if the directors pay little attention to its progress.

We need responsible citizens. We can develop them only by an intelligent use of education as a means of building right ideals and attitudes. Let us have a renaissance in education and a recognition that it should be used consciously as a tool for the survival not only of the individual but of our democratic society.

THE END



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BOATING IS FOR EVERYBODY

(Continued from page 17)

means trips of hundreds of miles with fellow members of their outboard clubs.

But whatever cruising means to him, the new purchaser will probably want at least a 15-horsepower motor. Prices of boats for this use start at slightly under \$300 and 15 horsepower worth of motor will cost upwards of about \$370.

For fancier models, with upholstered seats and multicolored and chrome-trimmed decks and sides, the cruising enthusiast can spend up to about \$1,200. Boat manufacturers note an increasing trend in the popularity of these high-style models, and attribute it to the growing number of women boaters.

The larger cruising boats, usually 14 to 16 feet in length, are designed to take the highest horsepower motors, which means that the powering cost will be in the \$470-\$750 range.

The ultimate for the small-boat cruising fancier is the outboard-powered cabin cruiser, which literally can become a home afloat. You can expect to spend something over \$1,000 for a bare hull. One 21-footer aluminum model sells for about \$1,800, and one wooden 21-footer lists at about \$2,350 when equipped with galley, toilet, bilge pump, berth cushions, flying bridge windshield, navigation and cabin lights, and remote steering controls. Most cabin cruisers are designed to be used with one or two of the larger motors.

For cruising, then, the investment can range approximately this way: Minimum for boat and motor, about \$670; up to about \$2,000 for the fancier boats powered by higher-horsepower motors; from about \$1,500 to something over \$3,000 for a cabin cruiser; or \$4,000 for an inboard-powered cabin cruiser like the one shown at top of page 17.

The cruising boat can, of course, also be used for fishing.

Next in popularity for use of outboards is hunting, and hunters use a variety of craft. One aluminum model designed especially for the purpose sells for about \$260. An appropriate motor would cost about \$220, requiring a total outlay of about \$480.

If you have kids in the family, better consider your new boat's potential for water skiing, fastest growing aspect of boating. An estimated 200,000 persons now go to sea on slats; about twice as many outboard boats and motors were bought for this purpose in 1955 as in 1953. And it's not just the kids or the glamour set who fancy the sport. The immediate past president of the American Water Ski Association is a former president of the National Association of Manufacturers (Charles R. Sligh, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan).



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club, a trailer is practically a necessity, because these yachtsmen take their boats as much over land as over water in their search for new waterways.

A trailer can cost slightly under \$100 for a 10-foot or 12-foot boat or as much as \$500 for a cruiser.

What if you don't happen to have the ready cash for your outfit?

If your credit is good enough to have allowed you to buy a refrigerator, washing machine, or automobile by installments, chances are good that your dealer or banker will be glad to arrange an easy-payment financing plan. A re-

cent study by the industry showed that bank rates of interest for the financing of the purchase of outboard motors and boats are slightly less than for electrical appliances and slightly more than on loans covering automobiles, with down payments averaging about 20 percent of the purchase price.

For those who like to browse when they buy, the purchase of a boating rig offers extensive opportunities for shopping around. There are more than 300 boatbuilders, some 25 brands of outboard motors, and about 60 boat trailer manufacturers.

THE END

CAN A PENNANT BE BOUGHT?

(Continued from page 21)

Of all the deals he's ever made for the Red Sox, Cronin is proudest of his swap of Eddie Lake to the Detroit Tigers for Rudy York in January 1946.

"We'd spent years looking for a right-handed slugger to follow Ted Williams," he said. "Bobby Doerr was great, but he felt the pressure. Anyone does who follows Williams. More than half the time, he's up in clutches because Ted gets so many passes. I wanted to relieve Doerr of the responsibility, and I needed a man in a hurry because, with the war over, the 1946 season would find everyone back at full strength.

"We knew Hank Greenberg would be back at Detroit. York had had a poor season in 1945, and Greenberg figured to return to first base. Therefore, we reasoned, York could be had.

"The Tigers were as badly in need of a shortstop as we were of a long-hitting right-handed first baseman. We had Lake and Skeeter Newsome, with Johnny Pesky coming out of the serv-

ice. We gave Detroit the choice of Lake or Newsome for York, and the deal was made when they took Lake.

"That trade won us the pennant. York had one good season left, and 1946 was it."

There was one thing in common between the York deal and the one Cronin made with the Senators last fall—both were designed to give the Red Sox a quick shot at a possible pennant. Vernon, for example, is 38 years old. But if he has that one good year left that York had, he can help make a winner out of the Red Sox.

Unlike the York deal, which was a natural, the Vernon deal came only after long discussion. It started in the press headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York during the World Series last fall, and it wasn't completed until weeks later.

Cronin was sitting with Calvin Griffith of the Senators, who is his brother-in-law, Manager Mike Higgins of the Red Sox, and Manager Chuck Dressen

of the Washington club. No one had a definite trade in mind. The four simply talked in general terms, but both sides were willing to trade if a deal seemed to make sense.

"This is something that often happens," Cronin explained. "You sit around with other executives and talk about your ball club. You don't have a trade in mind, but you know what you need, and what you can spare. Somebody might drop a hint, or bring up an unexpected name, or show his hand in some other way. Maybe he's doing it purposely. You might be doing the same thing. You might talk in more definite terms later, but your preliminary conversation is wary and general. Then, after you get through talking with the other fellow, you sit down with your own people, and evaluate the discussion.

"After Mike and I had talked with Calvin and Dressen the first time, we knew there were certain men we couldn't get from Washington. And after several more sessions we could figure out whom they were willing to give up. By the process of elimination, we realized that both Vernon and Porterfield were available. We wanted Vernon for his left-handed power and experience. He could relieve young Norm Zauchin at first base, where we were badly hit after Harry Agganis passed away last summer. And we wanted Porterfield as a sound pitcher who could work a regular turn."

Once the Red Sox brass had decided whom they wanted, they then had to figure out a deal that would be attractive to the Senators. Back in Boston, Cronin talked daily by long-distance telephone to Higgins and Yawkey. At the same time Griffith was talking every day to Dressen. Each time one party figured out a possible deal, he would present it to the other. The Red Sox made several offers which Griffith turned down, and the Senators made a number of counteroffers which didn't quite suit the Red Sox. Each offer, how-



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ever, brought the two parties a little closer together.

The Senators were willing to give up Vernon and Porterfield, but they wanted a generous slice of the wealth of young material in the Red Sox organization in return. The Red Sox, on the other hand, refused to give up certain youngsters.

After a temporary halt in negotiations when Griffith's father, Clark Griffith, died, a trade involving three young Red Sox pitchers, Dick Brodowski, Al Curtis, and Truman Clevenger, among others, was suggested. Cronin was willing to give up the trio, but demanded more pitching strength in return. The Senators were willing to throw in Johnny Schmitz, veteran southpaw. Griffith also suggested that the Senators could use some of the Red Sox spare outfield strength, of which they had considerable. Cronin was agreeable, but if he gave up more than one outfielder, he'd want at least one in return.

The deal, as finally made, found Vernon, Porterfield, Schmitz, and outfielder Tom Umphlett going to the Red Sox for Brodowski, Curtis, Clevenger, and two outfielders, Karl Olson and Neil Chrisley.

Cronin doesn't let his family connection with the Griffiths influence him in his dealings with the Senators. On the contrary, he is especially cautious in

his talks to Washington. He does business with the Senators only when they have someone he wants. Outside of the Vernon deal, the only important trade that Cronin made with Washington in recent years was his swap of Umphlett and Maurice McDermott for Jackie Jensen in 1953.

Umphlett's return to the Red Sox was not unusual.

"We've dealt off several ballplayers, including Mike Higgins, whom we later took back," Cronin said. "It all depends on the circumstances at the time. When we traded Higgins to Detroit in 1938, we knew Jim Tabor, a hard-hitting right-handed rookie third baseman, was ready. When we bought Higgins back in 1946, we needed someone who could fill in at third base just for the rest of the season.

"Umphlett had his best season with us in 1953. We couldn't have obtained Jensen for McDermott alone. Griff wanted a fast young outfielder, and Umphlett was the only one we could spare whom Washington would accept."

Many big deals involve several players, but with only one as the key man. Typical was the sensational trade of Ducky Medwick by the St. Louis Cardinals to the Brooklyn Dodgers in the middle of the 1940 season. Curt Davis, a fine pitcher but not a star of Medwick's magnitude, also went to Brook-

lyn in a deal which found the Dodgers giving up four players and \$125,000 in cash.

Rogers Hornsby, one of the greatest sluggers of all time, but a hard man to get along with, was key man in a number of deals while he was in his prime. At the end of the 1926 season, after Hornsby had managed and batted them to their first pennant, the Cardinals peddled him to the Giants for Frank Frisch and Jimmy Ring. A year later the Giants sent him to the Boston Braves for Shanty Hogan, Jimmy Welsh, and an undisclosed sum of money. A year after that the Braves swapped him to Chicago for five players and \$200,000 in cash.

The biggest deals Cronin ever made for the Red Sox were with the St. Louis Browns in 1947. At the winter meetings that year he got Jack Kramer and Junior Stephens one day, and Ellis Kinder and Billy Hitchcock the next. In return for those four ballplayers, two of whom—Stephens and Kramer—were among the most sought-after stars in baseball, the Red Sox gave up ten players and some \$400,000 in cash.

"Stephens was the key man," said Cronin. "We had tried several times to get him because he was a right-handed slugger who had the range of our left field fence. We wanted him for the same reason we'd wanted York two

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years before—as a power hitter to follow Williams.

"After the 1947 season ended, the Browns were in financial trouble, and we knew it. We decided that we had a chance to get Stephens if we went high enough. Bill DeWitt, the Browns' general manager, and Dick Muckerman, their president, both indicated that they'd let him go if the deal was right. They also let us know that Kramer, one of the best right-handed pitchers in the American League, might be available. I wanted Kinder, too. He'd pitched well against us in Fenway Park, and I felt he could help us. The two deals cooked all fall. We had several talks with DeWitt and Muckerman, and by the time we got to the winter meetings everything was pretty well set."

One of Cronin's touchiest jobs is to determine what bonuses, if any, should be paid to promising rookies. In the past half dozen years, Red Sox scouts have signed scores of bright young men, some for sums reaching into six figures.

"You sign a boy for much the same reason as you make a trade," Cronin said, "except that, instead of thinking in terms of your present situation, you try to anticipate your future needs. Basically, we want to know three things about a young player: How well does he figure to develop, how badly do we need him, and how much will he cost?"

"The price of a bonus rookie, of course, depends on the competition. Everyone wanted Frank Baumann, for example, and he just sat back and waited for the highest bid. We bought him because we thought he was worth almost any price. We'll bid on any promising youngster if our scouts like him, but we usually set a limit on what we think he's worth. We stop bidding on him if other clubs go higher than that figure.

"The position a boy plays is also a factor. Right now, for example, we're not interested in young catchers. We've got half a dozen very promising receivers in our organization. That's why we passed up Tom Gastall, a Boston University boy who looked like a terrific prospect. We simply couldn't find a place for him. He signed with Baltimore.

"Of course, signing a rookie is the greatest gamble in baseball. Everything depends on the scout's judgment, not on what the kid does now, but on what he'll be able to do in the future. The scout can't be right all the time. The only thing you hope is that he won't be wrong too often, or that a mistake won't cost you too much."

Bonus disappointments come a dime a dozen in baseball, and some of them are very costly indeed. The Pittsburgh Pirates gave Paul Pettit, a schoolboy pitcher with a bullet delivery, well over \$100,000 for signing a contract in 1949. The kid's arm went sour a year or so later and now, seven years later, he's a minor league outfielder, still struggling to reach the big leagues.

There was also the unhappy case of Dick Wakefield, who collected \$52,000 for signing with the Detroit Tigers in 1941. By 1943 he was starring as a rookie for Detroit, but after a stretch in the service he lost his touch. The Tigers strung along with him until 1949, when they traded him to the Yankees, where Wakefield flopped again.

Sometimes the situation works the other way. An expensive rookie occasionally sputters along for a few years, then explodes like a delayed-action bomb. That happened to Rube Marquard, a great southpaw pitcher, for whom the Giants paid \$11,000 to Indianapolis in 1908. In those days, \$11,000 was a lot of money. Marquard looked

so bad in his first two years that he was dubbed the "\$11,000 lemon." Then, just as everyone had nearly given up on him, he blossomed into a star, with three 20-game-winning seasons in a row. In 1912 when he won 26 games, he established a record of 19 straight victories which still stands.

"The greatest judge of young ball-players I ever saw was Eddie Collins," said Cronin. "He could tell at a glance whether a boy had a chance to make it or not."

Collins took the most productive scouting trip in baseball history during the middle of the 1936 season. He went to San Diego to look over a second base combination on whom the Red Sox had an option. The shortstop, George Myatt, was in great demand. But Collins liked the second baseman better. He also liked the actions of a skinny outfielder fresh out of high school. He told Bill Lane, the San Diego owner, that he'd buy the second baseman and take an option on the outfielder.

The second baseman was Bobby Doerr; the outfielder Ted Williams.

Right after Cronin was named manager of the Red Sox, he was sitting in the San Francisco Seals' Stadium with the late Ed Barrow, then general manager of the Yankees. Barrow had made several unsuccessful attempts to get outfielder Roy Johnson from the Red Sox.

"Do you still want Johnson?" Cronin asked.

"You bet I do," Barrow replied.

"O.K.," said Joe. "We'll give you Johnson for that kid center fielder you just bought from San Francisco."

"You keep Johnson," Barrow said. "I'll keep the kid."

The kid was Joe DiMaggio.

But Cronin had better luck with Joe's brother, Dom. He went to San Francisco in 1939 to look at the youngest of the DiMaggios. Some scouts had passed him up because he wore glasses.

"I watched him in a couple of exhibition games," said Cronin. "I liked his natural action. He could run, he could throw and he had a good swing. That's about all you look for in any rookie. I asked a few questions about his glasses, and finally decided to take him. I never regretted it."

The most promising rookie Cronin ever saw?

"That's easy," he said, with a grin. "Ted Williams by a mile. He was only a .280 hitter on the west coast, but his swing was out of this world. He had weaknesses; they all have weaknesses starting out. But all Williams needed was experience. He had to learn the pitchers in the league.

"You know how long it took him to do that? One swing around the circuit! He was the answer to a baseball man's dream."

THE END



"The Hoover Commission poked its nose in here yet?"

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"Sound Off!"

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an exact quote from "More Out of Your Tires" in the April issue. I'm afraid the author, Edgar Grunwald, was "took" by advertising malarkey. The fact is that the newer "power assist" brakes have done nothing—I repeat, but nothing—to shorten minimum braking distances of automobiles. They have only made locking the wheels a bit easier. But locking the wheels doesn't stop any moving vehicle on a dime, unless it's a cog railway. At even median speeds a moving auto may still skid for a hundred feet or more with the brakes locked. And at the 100 m.p.h. speed that Mr. Grunwald mentions in his piece, I'm afraid his dime would have to be about 400 feet wide. On a wet or icy road, much wider than that. The total distance required to bring a moving auto to a stop from any speed is the sum of the perception-time distance, plus the reaction-time distance, plus the braking distance. Those distances are greater than are commonly believed by the vast majority of drivers. Any driver who accepts as gospel Mr. Grunwald's statement about the latest brakes almost stopping him on a dime is most assuredly headed for a serious accident.

William A. Lyell, Sr.
Flemington, N. J.

THROWS IT AWAY

Sir: We have a government that is taking away what we make, in some cases more, throwing the money all over the world trying to appease our enemies and buy friends, getting nothing in return but abuse. After squandering half of the tax take they choose to dole back to individuals, communities and States money to build roads and schools with. If they would let us keep more of the money in the first place we could build our own roads and schools without any handout and the farmer could live off his farm during periods of subnormal produce prices. We've done that for 150 years and up to lately. It is amazing that the government, founded by men with faith, vision and intestinal fortitude, has survived all-out efforts to wreck it. Regardless of party, we should not break faith with those who gave us our heritage.

T. I. Smith
Macedonia, Iowa

Sir: It appears the time has come for some strong move on our part for a strong State Department instead of the milk-toast outfit we now have con-

ducting our foreign affairs. It is only through a publication as ours that we are able to get over to the veteran the seriousness of the present situation. Continual build-up of foreign nations with our tax dollars means eventual ruin in so far as our foreign markets are concerned. This in turn means a lower standard of living for every American citizen. Let's make a drive against the give-away of American tax dollars, let's use these tax dollars for better and stronger military might as well as good roads to save the lives of tax-paying citizens. And let us use such funds to aid in the rehabilitation of the needy veteran and his dependents whose numbers are growing with the passing of time.

R. G. Johnson
Rogers, Ark.

GOOD REMINDER

Sir: I read Washington's Farewell Address at least once a year. It is astonishing what foresight he had when he advised us to avoid all permanent associations with foreign nations. All nations are selfish and the more you do for them the more they complain it's not enough.

Dr. Philip C. Means
Chula Vista, Calif.

TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS

Sir: As an active Reserve Officer, I am cognizant that a great deal of public opposition is being voiced in connection with the building of Army Reserve Training Centers; and, as a homeowner, I am cognizant that a great deal of public anxiety exists in connection with the tax increases resulting from the building of new public schools. It has occurred to me that if the Defense Department could locate its Training Centers in those communities in which new school facilities are needed, not only would public opposition to Training Centers disappear, but the financial burden of taxpayers would be considerably eased. One facility could do double duty. In other words, the building (a combination Training Center-Public School) could be utilized during the day by public school students and faculty, and, during the evening, by Reserve personnel. Additional space for specialized Reserve needs (arms rooms, offices, garages, etc.) and for specialized school needs (auditorium, library, etc.) could be incorporated in the architect's plans. A financial arrangement could be worked out whereby the school system in question and the Defense Department could get together and share building and maintenance costs.

Robert E. Corso
Captain (USAR)
Verona, N. J.

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THE VETERANS' LADY

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She has served as Unit, District, and Department President; has held virtually all the Department Chairmanships; has been National Executive Committeewoman, Area B Child Welfare Chairman, and Central Division Girls' State Chairman. She helped organize the W. Va. Girls' State, and was its Director from 1943 to 1952; and has been National Girls' State Chairman and Director of Girls' Nation.

In 1949 she was elected National Vice President, and has since served five years as National Chairman of important Auxiliary committees, among them Americanism, National Security, Rehabilitation.

The way Ruby Ward handled these assignments plainly pointed to the fact that she was a natural for the top spot in the Auxiliary. And the vision and the drive she has demonstrated as National President prove that the Auxiliaries chose well when they chose Ruby Ward to be President.

Her administration has been marked by stability—stability of membership and stability of purpose. Mrs. Ward's calm approach is geared to produce up-to-the-minute steadiness and long-term strength. Her aim is to have each Auxiliare re-evaluate her membership and attempt to carry out—to exemplify—the inspiring yet common-sense words of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion Auxiliary.

When she addressed the Legion National Executive Committee on May 2, Mrs. Ward outlined her stabilization program. And she did it in typical

Ruby Ward fashion, with serenity and a warm, human touch that has become her trade-mark. She has the happy faculty of being able to accomplish a serious, praiseworthy purpose in a charming, feminine way.

This time she told the National Executive Committee of the aims and objectives of her administration of the Auxiliary. She pointed out that she has no one particular pet project, that there has been no special national solicitation of funds from Auxiliary members since she took office. Even so, Auxiliare Ward presented to National Commander Wagner three checks drawn to the order of the Legion by the Auxiliary. One was for \$20,000 for Child Welfare, one was for \$25,000 for Rehabilitation, and the third was for \$30,315.12 for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

But the usual, gladdening Ruby Ward touch was also there: the checks were attached to three toy, Goldilocks type bears (big, middle-sized, and small) which President Ward gave the Commander, telling him that there was a "love note" attached to each bear. The "love notes" proved to be the checks from the Auxiliary.

Ruby Ward has shown this delightful human touch before, but perhaps never better than when she was campaigning for the National Presidency last year. At that time she distributed pins made of coal with (appropriately) a small ruby in the center (they were termed "twin jewels from W. Va."), handed out little glass pitchers made in her

home State, and gave away apples grown there.

Through these clever, attractive giveaways the Auxiliary world learned more about the lady from West Virginia, and learned that she is especially proud of her Mountaineer heritage.

She's the first West Virginian to be National President of the Auxiliary and she claims that she's "just an average housewife" who attained that position by "being a volunteer worker." But the job she has done—and is doing—the imagination and initiative she has shown, make a lot of people disagree with the "average housewife" description.

National Commander Wagner is one who doesn't agree with it. When he introduced Mrs. Ward to the Legion National Executive Committee on May 2, he called her the "greatest President of The American Legion Auxiliary." High praise indeed from the man who is her coworker in guiding the destinies of two of America's greatest organizations. And Add Wagner ought to know, for he's seen the results of President Ward's leadership.

For example, when letter-writing help was needed to enlist congressional support for H.R. 7886 (the War Veterans Security Bill), Ruby Ward put in a conference telephone call to her Department Presidents urging them to pass the word along that the time was ripe for Auxiliary members to start the letters flowing to Washington. The result was a deluge of letters that put the Congressmen on notice as to how their constituents feel about providing some minimum measure of security for our aging war veterans.

Later the call went out for letters directed at the members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Result: another Auxiliary avalanche.

That's one indication that the Auxiliary is sailing smoothly under Mrs. Ward's direction. And there are others as well.

Mrs. Ward herself thinks that three national contests sponsored by the Auxiliary spotlight her stabilization program, that they give the members good vantage points from which to re-examine the Auxiliary programs and objectives, and that they are stepping stones along the path to individual re-dedication to the principles expressed in the Preamble to the Auxiliary's Constitution.

One of these contests is aimed at giving every Auxiliary member an opportunity to share in telling the Auxiliary's story to the public. Any Auxiliare can enter the contest by writing a 13-minute radio or television script based on such



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topics as Americanism, Child Welfare, Rehabilitation.

Another is an essay contest on "What Americanism Means to Me." And the third is the "Why I Teach" contest which Ruby Ward started for grade and high school teachers when she was National Security Chairman. This contest has been conducted for four years, and is designed to make the America of the future stronger by fostering better education for the children of today.

Mrs. Ward thinks that these contests will help Auxiliaries to maintain the integrity of the Auxiliary, that they will aid members to adhere to the Preamble, and that they are a form of—as she puts it—"translating the Preamble into deeds."

But even in her national programs Ruby Ward has kept the personal, the human touch. It works out that way

because that's the kind of person Ruby Ward is. You can bet that when she returned to the U.S.A. on July 9 (after having visited Alaska, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan (Formosa), Hong Kong, Thailand, Lebanon, France, and England) that—although she'd been traveling by airplane—she was still very much down to earth.

Perhaps she inadvertently expressed the warmth and depth of her personality when she wrote for the Auxiliary's *National News* how she felt when she visited the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl Crater, Hawaii. Summing up the impressions and feelings she had when she placed a wreath of poppies on the grave of an Unknown American of the Korean War, she wrote: "Here amidst the war dead Memorial Day is every day."

THE END

ANOTHER LOOK AT UNESCO

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operations of UNESCO to determine whether or not that agency has complied and is complying with the terms and conditions of Resolution 215 of the House of Representatives and Resolu-

determined that UNESCO has violated any of the conditions as set forth in the resolutions, that Congress be urged to take appropriate action to enforce compliance therewith."

The American Legion's Convention action on UNESCO climaxed the most extensive study, debate, and discussion ever given to any subject by Legionnaires.

Aside from the two days of discussion and debate by the members of our Joint Foreign Relations-Americanism Convention Committee and by witnesses who appeared before it, UNESCO was considered by delegates to many of our Department Conventions this past year. As a matter of fact, ten Department Conventions adopted resolutions on the subject. All of these State Conventions preceded the National Convention of last October. All ten supported existing American Legion policy in opposition to certain activities of UNESCO.

This subject has also been thoroughly studied and discussed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. This committee includes a representative from every one of the United States.

The American Legion's objections to UNESCO can be placed in three major categories. Each of them is supported by voluminous evidence, all of which is taken from the public record.

First, The American Legion believes that from the days of its organization UNESCO has been a haven for many individuals whose loyalty to the United States is severely compromised, if not submerged, by a demonstrated sympathy for communist objectives and the principles of one-world government. The activities of these people, as carried



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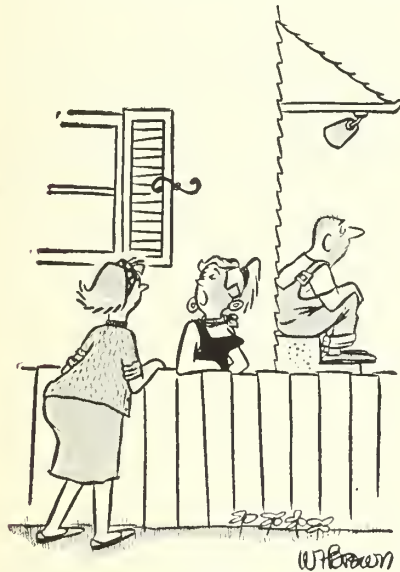
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tion 122 of the United States Senate, 79th Congress; said resolutions being the basis of the United States participation in UNESCO; provided further, that investigation be especially made to ascertain 'explicitly whether there has been violation of the provision' of the final portion; 'provided, however, that such agency shall not interfere with educational systems or programs within the several nations, or their administration.' And if, upon investigation, it be

on through the instrumentality of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, have been subsidized by American taxpayers.

There is a wealth of information available regarding the communist or communist front associations and activities of many of the people who have been or still are participating in the work of UNESCO. The American Legion will be happy to provide such information to anyone who wishes to write for it to our National Public Relations Division, 1608 K St. NW., Washington, D. C.

Our second principal objection to UNESCO is that, through its own publications, UNESCO appears to us to advocate world government. The American Legion, by Convention resolution, is firmly opposed to the creation of any form of world government.

The most clear-cut examples of this type of propaganda are to be found in the series of pamphlets entitled "Toward World Understanding." While attempts have been made to disclaim the responsibility for UNESCO in the publication and distribution of these pamphlets, nevertheless they appear to have been published by UNESCO and are being sold and distributed through UNESCO outlets as of today.

To illustrate my point, I will make just one direct quotation. Volume IV of the series, entitled *The United Nations and World Citizenship*, states on page six:

"World-wide organization for the conduct of human affairs is therefore essential. No teacher with a sense of realism and even an elementary knowl-

edge of world affairs will ignore this basic need or be indifferent to its consequences for education. World machinery is required; and human beings with the right outlook are required to utilize it or to insist that it be utilized. The educator thus has a double task, to teach about the machinery of world cooperation and to foster the growth of the spirit that will make it function. Education has, in short, the urgent duty to develop informed and competent world citizens."

The third of our major objections to UNESCO is that it is, in our opinion, endeavoring to influence the educational system of the United States through the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO. We submit that this is in violation of the terms and conditions that were expressed in Resolution 215, House of Representatives and Resolution 122, United States Senate, 79th Congress.

Here again I will use one illustration. Further documentation will be provided on request.

In November 1949, a pamphlet entitled *UNESCO Today* was published as State Department Publication #3694 for the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO, which reported that: "Largely as a result of Commission activities, at least a dozen universities and colleges now have UNESCO courses on international understanding. Scores of grade school teachers interested in the UNESCO movement have brought it to the attention of their classes; international themes have been stressed in pageants, plays, and music; and national scholastic newspapers and magazines, as

well as those published by schools, have stressed UNESCO along with the U.N. and other specialized agencies."

I have summarized here in capsule form information relating to UNESCO operations in this country which is a matter of public record.

The American Legion objects most vigorously to the continuance of an American-financed propaganda campaign which, in our belief, is contrary to the spirit and the laws of the United States of America. We believe that the intended effect of such a campaign can only be the destruction of public appreciation of American values and confusion and division among our people.

On March 7 of this year I had the honor to present a detailed explanation of The American Legion's position on the subject of UNESCO to a subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. Following this testimony members of the congressional committee expressed agreement with our belief that a congressional inquiry into the activities of UNESCO in the United States was justified. I felt there was good reason to hope that such an inquiry would be undertaken during the present session of Congress.

However, there has been no further indication that the inquiry which The American Legion believes necessary will take place. If you believe that The American Legion's position on this subject has merit, I would encourage you to write your Congressman and ask him to inform his colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee that you favor such an investigation.

The ultimate referee in all issues such as this is the American people. The American Legion is content to leave the final decision in the hands of all the people. We are confident that when the people are in possession of all the facts, they will approve the action of The American Legion calling attention to this serious matter.

I know that The American Legion's position on UNESCO has been misrepresented by some persons and groups. Naturally, we resent such misrepresentation, although we cannot prevent it. But The American Legion has never been a rubber stamp for any official or quasi-official agency of the Government. I assure you that we will continue to be independent, and to fight for the things we believe to be right. As veterans of the nation's wars, we believe that this is a service we continue to owe to our country. We intend to continue to discharge our obligation as patriotic Americans. In our endeavors we hope for the support and encouragement of the American people.

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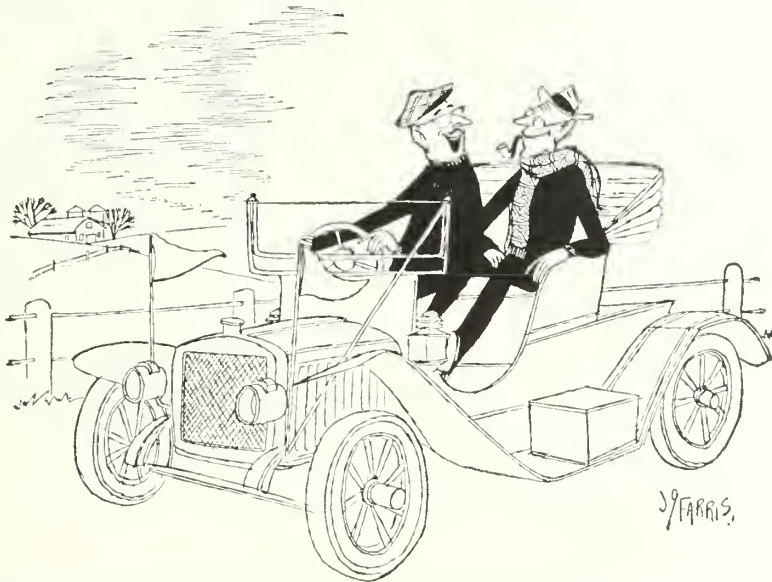
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other commodity involving a major financial outlay. But superficially it does seem that people spend almost as much time mulling over auto prices as they devote to trying to beat the phone company.

This is partly a hangover from the early history of the auto business, which was intimately tied up with the weather. The game of beating the thermometer

to cut prices, but that's better than both of us losing our shirts."

This was a compromise that neither the dealer nor the manufacturer liked. The dealers, in fact, pretty soon said that the manufacturers were learning bad habits: Whenever they wanted another buck, they simply made more cars and stuck the dealers with them. In fact, hard feelings got so bad during



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turned out to be so important that—although the weather has calmed down long since—many vestiges of the game persist.

When cars were first mass-produced, the makers found that there was a vast difference between this kind of manufacturing and custom building. If you build cars one at a time, orders and production are always in balance. But when you build in the hundreds of thousands, your investment is so tremendous that you simply have to get rid of a certain number of units just to break even. That's risky enough, but on top of it the weather really fouled things up.

As soon as it got cold, people stopped buying. Open-top cars were no place to endure subfreezing temperatures, and the roads weren't fit for even a horse. Still the manufacturers had to hit a break-even point or go broke. So they enlisted their dealers in this cause (the dealers had a different word for "enlisted"). In effect, the car makers said to the dealers, "We know people stop buying when it gets cold. But if we don't produce a sufficient number of units, we're out of business and so are you. Get rid of the cars as best you can. You may barely make costs if you have

the depression that the dealers accused some manufacturers of outright bilking. "Those fellows," said the dealers at the time, "won't stop anywhere. They overload us; we have to go to the banks for credit; and so the whole community gets involved in saving the manufacturer." You know what happened next: The dealers went to their Congressmen for relief.

They're still doing it. Only by this time, there is enough give-and-take on both sides to make a smoother production-consumption pattern possible.

For it has been evident even from the start that intramural bickering would never solve the basic auto problem. What the industry needed more than a fight over the pie was a pie so big that everybody—including the public of course—could get a nice, satisfactory slice of it.

The first attack therefore was on that old bugaboo, the weather. It's been going on for several decades, and the victory has taken much of the sting out of Jack Frost. People who never dreamed of driving south on a winter vacation 20 years ago today merrily chase the sunshine behind 200 horsepower.

The next thing was to get women in-

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terested in cars. As long as the man in the family was the sole operator and interpreter of the mechanical mystery, it stood idle except on Sundays and holidays. Gradually, though, the mechanism was built simply and reliably enough so that women weren't afraid to tackle it. And that's where Detroit hit the jackpot. When the kids, too, joined in the fun, the magic spell was complete—the car *really* became the family car.

These two conquests—of weather and women—partially resulted in a third: The road back to the custom-built car.



"How can you think of getting married? You've only just begun to bring money into the house!"

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That vision still is not fully formed, for it takes more than gals plus good heaters and roads to bring it into shape. Only after years of national prosperity does convenience become as important in people's buying decisions as price and mechanical considerations have always been.

But there's evidence that the trend is moving solidly toward the comfortable, roomy, pretty car, replete with all the mechanical and electronic appurtenances of the living room, and—like the living room—different enough from your neighbor's so that you won't walk into his by accident.

When a manufacturer builds such a car, he must abandon all of the old model-T philosophy except the concept of big volume. The color combinations in today's vehicles alone are such that only mechanical watchdogs can prevent the assembly line from going nuts every minute of the day. And color is only one of the problems which the manufacturers must grapple with and pin to the mat.

It stands to reason that if the car makers intend to sell their product with high style as a big appeal, they more and more are tied to orders as they come in. What good is it to build thousands of blue and white two-door jobs when the public really wants four-door pink and black ones? This is not to say that every car is created entirely to individual specifications. There is enough common ground for much inventory production still. But that type of output is approached warily. This year the auto makers have been especially careful not to let manufacturing get very far ahead of sales.

Now you can see why high style makes Detroit so happy, even though it involves more technical headaches than building cars like peas in a pod. The chances of overproduction are narrowed, and that pleases the dealers (to say nothing of the fact that the more elaborate a car gets, the more extras everybody can sell).

But even more basically, as we said before, high style is the hallmark of a booming economy. And to carry it a step further, once a consumer gets accustomed to an auto with everything but a bathroom in it, he's not so likely to forsake his expensive tastes, even if the economy booms a little less loudly and he has less money.

To say that price is a dead issue in the auto business, on the other hand, would be sheer lunacy. It's there, but in such manifold combinations that you no longer can name "a price." Instead, there may be several broad zones of prices.

The "normal" buyer today is beset by so many economic, social and mechanical influences that when he buys

a car his brain lights up like a telephone switchboard on Christmas Eve. Every year the auto makers spend a young fortune in research to find out what those hookups are.

As a result of this probing, Detroit has acquired a valuable piece of sophistication: Price cannot be isolated. The consumer's buying motives group themselves into configurations from which it is almost impossible to pull a certain

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factor as the important one. Instead, four seem to predominate and to determine which car the buyer will choose. They are:

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Loyalty, for example, is something that makes every auto man drool. He jumps through hoops to get and keep it. Thus Dodge builds a line wide enough, pricewise, to overlap Plymouth and DeSoto. That isn't foolish duplication, even though all three are in the Chrysler family. What Dodge wants—and needs—is to hold satisfied customers, no matter how their appetites change. And that philosophy goes right down to the used-car lot where loyalty, too, has roots. It's bad enough to lose

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"Who brought up this subject? You, I suppose, as usual!"

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HELPFUL HINTS from readers: From H. J. Hartlieb, 1703 Lincoln St., Camp Hill, Pa.: "When fishing with minnows for trout or bass, changing bait is no problem while wading the streams if you use an empty (well-rinsed) hip-type whisky bottle. Minnows stay alive for hours in the water in the bottle and are easy to get out one at a time through the narrow neck." From A. B. Williams, 40 Harrison St., Vandalia, Ohio: "When traveling light up a river (so that I don't have to carry my tackle box with me), I use an old eyeglass case to carry hooks and sinkers. It slips into my pocket easily and the spring action of the lid prevents accidental spilling."



THE FISH AND Wildlife Service has issued an appeal to all persons not to molest birds' nests or young animals.

Reports from conservation officers countrywide indicate that in many sections youngsters have found young deer and have tried to claim them as pets or molest them in some way.

Whenever a human being tries to fondle a young species of wildlife, that species invariably dies. This is particularly true of young deer and birds. The average person should never worry about seeing these species in a young and unattended state. It is axiomatic that a doe will never roam too far from her young, and when humans interfere they scare her away. The same applies to birds' nests. Remember these things, and young wildlife will have a better chance to mature.

OFFICIAL RULES for the 1956 contest for dog photographs are out and a postcard request to the sponsoring group, the Gaines Dog Research Center, 250 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y., will bring a copy.

This is a good place to try those unusual photos you plan to make during the month of August.

Five hundred dollars is the first prize in the contest, which has been held annually for nine years. The second prize is \$250 and the third \$100.

Entries in the contest, for which any good, interesting, black-and-white picture of a dog is eligible, must be postmarked not later than midnight Friday, Sept. 7, 1956. As usual, a group of leading photographic authorities will select winners.

SOME CURIOUS READERS have been wondering about the pleasant chap showing the pistol to the customer on page 17 of the June issue of this magazine. He is Robert Abels, 860 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C., the renowned dealer in antique firearms.

FELLOW NAMED Ralph Belson, 317 Tenth Street, Oshkosh, Wis., sent us something he called a "Winnebago Bucktail Rig," a hook covered with long white, red, and orange hairs, attached to a leader and a snap swivel. I attached a sinker and tried for walleyes in nearby Candlewood Lake, fishing deep and retrieving in a series of starts and stops. Got fish, too. Belson invented and sells the rigs. He advises that the bucktail takes fish "Walk-trolling" too. Price: \$1.00 postpaid.

BOATING IS BECOMING such a big-time activity, overshadowing practically every other summer sport, that the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a mail-order course in boating safety. Available through the offices of the 12 Coast Guard Districts, it is designed so that any two people, regardless of their lack of experience in presenting public instruction courses, can do an effective job in putting the facts of boating safety across.

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THE STATE OF Minnesota is making sense about trying to avert summer drownings due to careless boat handling. Governor Orville L. Freeman issued a statewide plea for water safety, stating that the hazard months—in which 76 percent of all drownings occur—are May, June, July, and August. He directed attention to the Small Boat Safety Act enacted by the 1955 Legislature. This act is a water code which provides for lights at night, rules of the road for water travel, mufflers on boats, penalties for driving boats in a reckless manner, and which prohibits a boat in swimming areas. Certain deficiencies are indicated—such as inadequate enforcement, lack of life preservers as standard equipment, absence of ropes on the sides of boats to cling to when capsized, and educational campaigns (such as "Stay With The Boat!") which have not been sufficiently successful. Convictions for reckless driving of motorboats have been obtained with \$50 fines in three instances. Basic rules for avoiding accidents on big water: (1) Do not overload the boat. (2) Do not leave shore in a leaky or poorly constructed boat. (3) Observe the pilot rules in approaching and in passing other boats. (4) Have approved life preservers readily available and wear them when conditions warrant.

BEEN GETTING LETTERS asking about these various fish monickers: California Trout, Coaster, Coast Range Trout, Hardhead, Pacific Trout, Salmon Trout, Steelhead, and Steelhead Salmon. They're all one fish, the Rainbow Trout. The Steelhead is merely a Rainbow that has migrated to sea or some large inland body of water. The color of the Rainbow found in fresh water varies but is usually bluish or olive green above the lateral line, running into silvery green on the sides. Tail, sides, and dorsal fins are covered with small dark spots; a side band of lavender-red runs from head to tail. When the Rainbow migrates to sea or large lakes, he becomes a Steelhead, and the vivid colors fade into a steel-blue sheen and the dark spots nearly disappear; the sides become pinkish. Now you're a Rainbow-Steelhead expert.

WE LIKED the words the Arizona Game and Fish Department used in admonishing its sportsmen to keep the countryside clean: "We're told the new Funk and Wagnall's dictionary lists "litterbug" in its wordy array this year," they said.

"We haven't seen the official definition yet, but for the benefit of those few who may not have heard it, we will issue our own. A litterbug is a common, two-legged animal which travels about the countryside, often at high speeds, and attempts to distribute paper cups, kleenex, beer cans and other quaint forms of decoration evenly and thoroughly on all bushes, trees, rocks, etc., wherever it travels. One highly developed form contaminates streams by using them as final resting places for garbage and other assorted debris."

CHARLES CARROLL, Box 57, Marion, Ohio, tells us that if your favorite boat has plain, unfinished seats, they can feel cold and damp for hours after a rainstorm. He suggests this as a comforter: "Dissolve a 2-ounce cake of beeswax into a quart of turpentine and brush or wipe it on the seats. The turpentine will penetrate the wood and carry the wax deep into the fibers, leaving a greaseless finish that sheds water like a duck's back."

VERMONT REMINDS us that though this is fishing season, it is also time to stalk old Mister Black Bear. The season opened June 1st and runs until December 31st—and there is no limit in all but four counties. So if you've been blasting at woodchucks and wanting something bigger, here it is.

FOR YOU SPORTSMEN who want to raise your own pheasant and quail, the Oakes Manufacturing Co., Tipton, Ind., maker of brooders, batteries and feeders, has just put out a booklet which is yours for the asking. It's called, *Producing Game Birds In Captivity*.

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a sale to Plymouth, but to lose one to Ford or Buick is enough to drive a man to drink. You must have a product so diversified that your mainstay—the loyal customer—cannot wander out of your fold.

In that last paragraph we started talking about loyalty, and then drifted off into price. Had we substituted "station wagon" for "price"—which we could have done—it wouldn't have mattered. The only difference is that we would have used another X in our equation: convenience. And had we substituted "safety factor" for "price" or "station wagon" it still would have come out all right. Our X now is performance. For that quartet of performance, loyalty, convenience, and price is all but inseparable.

That's why the people in Detroit say "A good time to buy a car is any time."

Of course, you can generalize anything into absurdity, and on the basis of the foregoing come up with this conclusion: Since three of the four main factors that motivate you to buy a car are something other than price, and since two (convenience and performance) actually tend to push prices higher, there is just one way new-car costs can go—up. That's stretching it too far. Let's hedge it by reversing the proposition: It will be harder and harder for new-car prices to go down, regardless of the desire of the manufacturers to dangle price bait.

Looking into 1957, you can apply that hypothesis with a fair amount of certainty. Manufacturing costs won't ease off. That's for sure. But won't the auto industry cut prices anyhow just

Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. M. JASPER TIMBS
First Christian Church
Post 50, Rockwood, Tenn.

Gracious God, we pray Thee to grant unto us the simple faith to trust Thee in all Thy works. Give us a firm determination to yield ourselves to Thy purpose, becoming instruments of faith, hope, and love. Help us to show our trust in Thee with courage and conviction that nothing will be able to separate us from Thy love. Amen.

to insure volume? Bet against it. The public wants high style, and the dealer wants balanced stocks. Buyers who want cheaper prices, too, can find them by investigating used cars. (In fact, the used-car market has been pretty good right along, and perhaps, in part, for that reason.)

Moreover, there's this nagging thought: If the Big Three did take a noticeable whack out of new-car prices, they would run the risk of shoving the independent producers right out of the game. How do you think the Government would like that?

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Two fleas had just finished their day's chores. "Well, Joe," said one, "shall we walk home or take a dog?"

— HAROLD HELFER

The Ring of Truth

A girl will never be insulted by a proposition if it has a genuine ring to it.

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"In a minute! In a minute!"

From Bad to Worse

While out on a date the young lady and her escort were suddenly caught in a down-pour of rain and ran for cover in the doorway of a nightclub.

"Let's go in this nightclub," she suggested, "if we stand out here we'll get wet."

"Yeah," said her escort gloomily, "and if we go in there we'll get soaked."

— F. G. KERNAN

Elementary Economies

My budget is best
Controlled when I
Just let the best

Of the world go by.

— IVAN J. COLLINS

Down to Earth Fact

Garden: A thing of beauty
and a job forever.

— JACK HERBERT

Bikini

A minute piece of cloth
And a couple of laces
Which girls wear to be seen
In all the best places.

— FRANCIS O. WALSH

Thrifty Case

Well known as a tightwad, Jones went into a luggage store and finally pur-

Parting Shots

chased a small, inexpensive briefcase. Completing the sale the clerk asked, "Shall I wrap it up for you?"

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The Final Blow!

After weeks of painstaking effort, a hunter taught his retrieving dog to bring back ducks by walking upon the surface of the water rather than swimming out after them. He wished to show off this wonder dog to a friend, so without a word about it they went hunting together. And when the owner shot his first duck, he sent the dog out after it. The dog walked lightly

upon the water, retrieved the duck, and walked back to deposit the bird at his master's feet.

"Notice anything?" asked the master expectantly.

"Sure" answered the friend. "That crazy dog of yours can't swim!"

— JOHNNY CLARK

Never Mind the Mind

They say "She's pretty—but no brains!"

And maybe she's not smart,

But nonetheless the lady reigns

Supreme within my heart.

How come? Well, this will sum enough

Of what her charm may be,

She's beautiful—but dumb enough

To fall for me.

— HOWARD WINLEY

Kitchenwise

Not all wives are expert cooks but most of them are pretty fair panhandlers.

— FRANK MURPHY



JOE BERBERG

"How are you supposed to feel after forty?"

Growth and Progress

Increasing the family: Putting on heirs!

— S. S. BIDDLE

Monopoly Note

To hold conversations

Is normal, I know,

But there are some people

Who hate to let go.

— FRANCIS GERARD

Rapid Transit

When a husband makes

money hand over fist,

He may find his lot has

been cast

With a wifely demure who

also feels sure

He makes it to hand

over fast!

— S. OMAR BARKER

Listening In

A husband is a man who knows that his wife's reasoning is largely sound.

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"It looks fine . . . just don't leave the house in it!"

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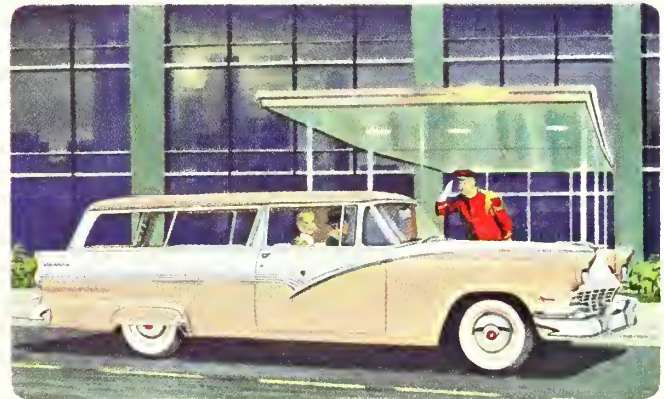
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